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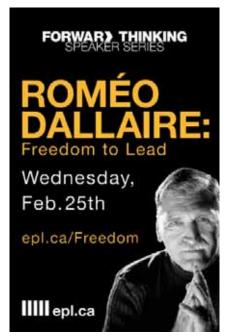
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Edmonton Valley Zoo welcomed two new additions to the facility this week. The golden lion tamarins were unveiled Thursday. Jack, above, and his brother Hayden arrived in Edmonton from the Toronto Zoo. COURTESY WADE KRASNOW/EDMONTON VALLEY ZOO

# Cabinet takes 5% pay cut

Wages. Prentice says ministers would make about \$10K less annually, encourages others in government to follow suit



RYAN TUMILTY

The government payroll got lighter Thursday after Premier Jim Prentice announced a five per cent cut to cabinet wages, with MLAs and possibly government workers next in line.

Following a meeting, Prentice said his cabinet agreed to cut their pay and he will ask MLAs to take the same hit next week, while continuing to suggest public servants will have to sacrifice.

"I think this is the kind of leadership that Albertans expect from their elected officials in these challenging times," he said.

Prentice said if all MLAs agreed to the cut it would

save about \$600,000. He said personally it would mean he would make \$10,887 less next year and ministers would see \$10,050 less on their paycheques.

If MLAs agree to cut, when it goes to their member services committee, it will cost them \$6,700 per year.

Prentice said discussions with provincial unions are ongoing, but he believes Albertans will want to see the pain shared.

"They expect people who work for the government, whether we're elected or whether they're employees, to share part of that burden," he said.

AUPE president Guy Smith said the premier sacrificing part of his salary has no impact on his members' willingness to sacrifice theirs.

"For us it makes no difference; we have a collective agreement that we signed with the Government of Alberta," he said. "We expect the government to honour that collective agreement."

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## LGBTQ rights

# Minister all ears for GSA talks

Alberta's head of education said the government is in "listening mode" when it comes to potential planning for gay-straight alliances (GSAs) legislation.

Minister Gordon Dirks told media Thursday that he appreciates the opportunity to hear as many perspectives as possible, as he attended the Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association public consultation on GSAs in Edmonton.

The event's panel heard speakers from government, LGBTQ advocates and students, with the intention of submitting a list of recommendations to the province for Bill 10 after the evening's discussion. Dirks said there were several themes he's heard repeatedly when it comes to GSAs.

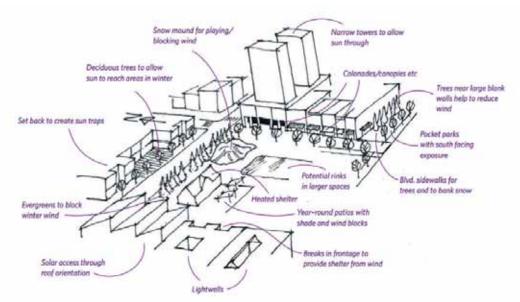
"One of them is that children who desire a GSA should have one and that's certainly been the position of myself and our government; That children who desire a GSA should be able to have one," he said.

Dirks said his goal as education minister is to ensure children receive education in a safe environment, free of bullying.

Kiyl Fairall of MacEwan Sexual Health Club said the safety of LGTBQ students is a fundamental right and legislation is needed to protect students.

"We believe that there absolutely needs to be legislation in place when it comes to forming GSAs in every school board across the province, as not every LGBTQ youth may have a supportive adult or individual who is willing to advocate for them in their everyday lives."

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This schematic design highlights some of the focal points of the WinterCity Strategy document. CITY OF EDMONTON/SCREENSHO

# Making winter more bearable by design

# **Urban planning.**Getting Edmontonians outside the focus of WinterCity Strategy



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Old Man Winter had better watch his back, as Edmonton now has official winter design guidelines thanks to a group of citizens who put a 'winter map' together.

Outdoor firepits, snow storage and protecting people from the wind are all part of the guidelines.

"This isn't tomorrow that

it's implemented and all of a sudden it's revolutionary. What we're doing here is planting a lot of seeds that are going to germinate," said Simon O'Byrne, co-chair of the Winter-City Strategy committee.

A portion of the document focuses on design suggestions to "make it easier to get around in winter" for pedestrians and cyclists, specifically mentioning piloting raised crosswalks and heated walking surfaces.

Molly MacDougall, who's testing out winter cycling for the first time this season, said the design guidelines make sense.

"The snow removal strategy which mentioned that snow would be cleared to the edge of the roadways is significant for cyclists in areas where it's not a separated bike lane but a shared use bikeway or painted lanes," she said. "It's definitely a step in the right direction."

No winter guidelines would be complete for Edmonton without making use of the amount of sunshine the city receives in the winter, with elements such as suggestions for narrow towers to allow sun to shine through and for solar access in buildings.

"We're building so much in the city ... that we have to make sure we realize the full potential of that investment and have it work year-round, not just in summer conditions," said Susan Holdsworth, coordinator for the WinterCity Strategy.

### Strategy

Applying the winter guidelines to developments and redevelopments is a key point in the winter guidelines strategy.

- Incorporating light and colour in public spaces is listed as a priority for the winter urban design document.
- The document applies to all parts of the city, however, it won't be completely mandatory moving forward.



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# First Nations. Treaty Six, Fort Edmonton partner up

Fort Edmonton Park and the Treaty Six First Nation will work together to tell the story of where we all live under an agreement signed Thursday.

The new memorandum aims to ensure aboriginal culture is respected and represented in the fort's program, Mayor Don Iveson said, and while the fort has tried, it has only been telling one side of the

"Unintentionally, it has been a settler's narrative and a colonial narrative," he said.

Iveson said the change at the park is to better reflect the true nature of the area.

"It will become a shared story, a shared history that is respectful and inclusive," he said.

Grand Chief Bernice Marshall of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations said they're excited for the agreement's possibilities.

"It's our belief that a true partnership will flourish and a better attraction experience



can be created," she said

She said it was important for all Canadians to know about their ancestors' role.

Doug Goss, chairman of the fort's management company, said this would allow them to build something with Treaty

"What we're doing is important. We need to preserve the long term legacy of our rich history together," he said.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

# **Public sector unions not** budging on wage trims

Labour. Teachers' association president says cabinet pay cuts are just an attempt to point fingers



JEREMY **NOLAIS** 

Planned cuts to elected members' wages were merely an attempt by Alberta's premier to put the burden of the province's financial woes on the backs of public-sector employees, union representatives charged Thursday.

Alberta Premier Jim Prentice said both he and members of his cabinet would trim their annual earnings by five per cent effective immediately. He also said he would ask whip George VanderBurg to bring a motion to a legislative committee to approve a similar rollback for backbench MLAs and would discuss compensation with public-sector union representatives.

But those representatives weren't buying the premier's apparent measure of good

"All of this has been groundwork to try to point the finger at public-sector workers," said Mark Ram-sankar, president of the Alberta Teachers' Association. "We've got trouble in the province, we've got an issue with our finances. Rather than deal with taxes, we're going to start with employees

Asked if his organization would ever consider a wage cut, Ramsankar replied, "The



savings, if all 87 elected members come onboard, could amount to \$600,000.

flat answer is 'no'. Teachers have had three years of (zero

Guy Smith, president of the Alberta Union of Public Employees, said Prentice's pledge was purely based on optics and wage rollbacks for his members wouldn't come close to solving the province's financial crisis, which is being driven by a rapid decline in the price of oil.

"I think Premier Prentice believes this is going to capitulate, and it doesn't," Smith said.

Oil prices have plunged from more than \$100 US a barrel last summer to less than \$50 today, siphoning billions of dollars from the treasury. Gil McGowan, president

of the Alberta Federation of Labour, lashed out at Prentice on social media.

"Prentice (is) setting up for (an) attack on public sector wages, even though MLAs have enjoyed far bigger wages and increases than front-line workers," he wrote.

The opposition Wildrose, meanwhile, chalked up Thursday's move as being nothing more than "window-dressing" and leader Heather Forsyth called instead for a rollback of eight per cent to bring wages

### No problem for MLA

At least one Calgary MLA said Thursday she had no qualms with taking a pay cut in line with those of cabinet ministers and the premier.

 "We are going to be facing very difficult times ahead," said Calgary-Currie's Christine Cusanelli. "Everybody in every sector is going to feel the crunch and we need to be prepared to show that we are actual leaders who will make a sacrifice."

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# Safety. Woman critical after struck by snowplow

A woman remains in critical but stable condition after being hit by a City of Edmonton snow removal vehicle Wednesday night.

Northwest division officers were called out around 5:10 p.m. to the collision at 134 Avenue and 113A street.

Police believe the 39-yearold woman was crossing 113A Street in the marked crosswalk when the tractor with a front-mounted snowplow hit her while making a righthand turn to head south.

Police say neither speed nor alcohol were factors in the collision. The Major Collision Investigation Unit has taken over the ongoing investigation and no charges have been laid at this time.

Cheryl Oxford, a spokeswoman for the city, said the collision has been distressing for the driver.

"The operator was actually a driver with over 20 years experience. He's currently not at work and has been offered counselling," she told media Thursday afternoon.

"All of our drivers receive safety training as to the safe use of the equipment," she

The city will be conducting its own internal investigation to determine if anything could have been done to prevent the incident. METRO

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# Packed school has to move out a grade

**Education.** District reviewing parent feedback



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One south Edmonton school is forced to reroute new coming Kindergarten students or move next year's Grade 6 classes as the building bursts at the seams.

Parents and officials from the city's Catholic school board met Thursday night to discuss the fate of next year's students at Monsignor William Irwin.

According to assistant superintendent Boris Radyo,

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# "We want to expedite this decision in the best interest of our families."

Boris Radyo, ECS assistant superintendent

the school is at capacity. With the current 784 students and 19 built out modulars, there's no room to accommodate next year's 15 per cent enrolment increase and potential 900 students.

"We need to find four additional classrooms for that campus and because we're unable to add modular classrooms, it means that the district would have to undertake either an attendance area change or the removal of students from the school," he said.

Parents were presented with the two options at Thursday's meeting: move next year's Grade 6 students or reroute 184 kindergarten students to another location.

Tanya Fischer-Ooraikul, who has two children at the school and another starting kindergarten next year, said it would be very difficult to have her youngest daughter going to a different school from her two other children.

"To me it's a smoother transition (for Grade 6's to leave)," said Fischer-Ooraikul, who acknowledged some of the issues facing parents with Grade 6 students.

Radyo said the district plans on making a final decision by Feb. 13 so that families can make arrangements for next school year.

### After the fire

# Community comes together to support Roxy Theatre performances

Roxy Theatre performers may not have space to act out of but the community has stepped up. Eastglen High School's

Eastglen High School's Majestic Theatre will house the upcoming performance of "Famous Puppet Death Scenes" following a blaze at Roxy Theatre that destroyed the iconic building.

"It's amazing that we were able to be in there for the entirety of the show.



The Roxy Theatre was reduced to ashes after a blaze. Metro FILE

The rest of the season will be announced (Friday)," said Taylor Chadwick with the Theatre Network which operates in the Roxy Theatre.

Officials remained tightlipped about the Friday afternoon announcement but Chadwick did allude to a partnership between Theatre Network and Teatro La Quindicina, Shadow Theatre and Fringe Theatre Adventures for the 2015 season.

"Think of it as all these teams are coming together to make sure one of their friends doesn't go under," he said

The investigation into the blaze is still ongoing, say fire officials, with arson ruled out.

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# City looks to open up sidewalks downtown

Hoarding. Regulations have been prioritizing roads over sidewalks amid growing construction and development, report finds



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The high number of city sidewalks that are closed downtown appear to be as much about bad regulation as they are booming construction, but the city is promising change to open them up.

A report on the issue, going to councillors next week, identifies some flaws with city regulations that have almost encouraged builders to close sidewalks rather than roads.

Among the problems the report identified is that builders closing a road pay four times more than those closing a sidewalk.

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"Our whole fee structure, which is embedded in our safety codes bylaw, places priority on the roads," said Claudia Wong-Rusnak, who worked on the report.

She said the city plans to work with builders to try to find ways to change the situation, but they want to make sure pedestrians can still get around.

Coun. Scott McKeen, who asked for the report, said the city didn't used to deal with a building boom and people living downtown, and some things will have to change.

"These are growing pains. It's the kind of issues that other cities have faced before us, but we're seeing now as we get this boom of development in the downtown," he said.

### Downtown

# Prospective tenants have toured Sobeys space: Official

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Who will occupy the old downtown Sobeys location? The answer remains unclear, but there's interest.

Eric Slatter, vicepresident of Colliers International, which is working with Sobeys, said there have already been tours of the large retail space on the corner of 104 Street and Jasper Avenue but the grocer has yet to release its marketing plan for the space.

Slatter added the grocery corporation has a lease at the building until 2018.

Members of the public have turned to social media inquiring if there's a covenant on the 19,000-squarefoot space preventing other grocers from starting up at the location, but Jim Taylor of the Downtown Business Association and Colliers International say that's not the case.

"Sobeys is just a tenant in the building, so it's incredibly unlikely that they would have a caveat on restricting them from allowing another grocer to operate. They do have a lease, which would likely have an exclusion in it preventing another grocer, but it's ultimately at Sobeys' discretion," said Slatter.

Sobeys has not responded to Metro's requests for comment.

Sobeys officials decided to close their downtown location almost six months ago, citing it as one of their "under-performing stores."

Downtown residents say they hope the space is filled soon. "We all know that downtown needs a grocery store," said Ed Fong of the 104 Street steering committee. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

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# **Hospital tests** medical app

**Health.** Edmonton first to use device that screens heart problems in newborns



The tiny beating of a newborn's heart is getting extra attention at an Edmonton hospital thanks to a medical app designed to help detect any potential problems before families take their little ones home.

The Grey Nuns Hospital became the first facility in the world to use Eve — a medical app used to screen newborns for congenital heart defects just hours after they're born.

Grey Nuns Hospital unit manager Erin Peters said in the past nurses screened babies who were at risk or symptomatic for possible defects. Since November, the hospital extended its screening to all newborns in order to catch any issues early on.

Now with Eve, Peters said

screened, but the tests are noninvasive and ensure consistent

"It's less than a (size of a) Band-Aid that wraps around a hand and a foot and the test is over in a couple of minutes. Most babies don't even notice," she said.

In December, nurses were able to screen 600 babies.

"We've been fortunate we've been able to catch a couple babies early on and then they're sent for further screening while they're in hospital," said Peters. "For parents, it means a little more peace of

For parents James and Becky Sheppard, who welcomed their baby boy into the world Wednesday, the test was a no-

"I think any step they take to make sure you take a healthy baby (home) and not have to come back, is a good step to take," said Becky.

James said it was something he didn't think about, but once the test was done it was a relief.

"It's one less thing to worry about," he said.

Red Deer

# Police seek man who tried to take photos in women's washroom

Police are looking for a man they say snuck into a women's washroom in Red Deer and tried to take photos of a woman in a

The woman told police

she saw a man's hand holding a cellphone poke under the stall door.

When she confronted him, he claimed he had mistakenly entered the wrong washroom and provided her with a false name and phone number "in an unsuccessful effort to allay her suspicions," Red Deer RCMP said in a release.

## Health

# Alberta flu deaths already above 'normal' range

Alberta has already seen 52 flu-related deaths so far this season, putting it outside the "normal" range described by the province's chief medical officer of health and well ahead of the 30 deaths seen last flu season.

Chief medical officer of health Dr. James Talbot said earlier this month the "normal death rate" in Alberta is between 30 and 40 by the end of a flu season.

Talbot also said elderly Albertans had been impacted the most by the H3N2 strain of flu virus that has been circulating this season.



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The boat that Phillip Boudreau was on before his death is pictured on Nov. 18, 2014. Boudreau's death at sea has "torn at the fabric" of a fishing village in Nova Scotia and could reverberate in the community for decades, a judge said Thursday as he sentenced a man to 14 years in prison for manslaughter. ALY THOMSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# **14-year sentence in Nova Scotia killing**

**Manslaughter.** Case has affected many people in the Acadian village of Petit-de-Grat, judge says

Phillip Boudreau's death at sea has "torn at the fabric" of a fishing village in Cape Breton and could reverberate in the community for decades, a Nova Scotia judge said Thursday as he sentenced a man to 14 years in prison for manslaughter.

Joseph James Landry, who shot, ran over and hooked Boudreau with a fishing gaff, was granted about 2-1/2 years'

credit for time served in custody awaiting trial, meaning he would serve 11-1/2 years.

Boudreau's slaying has affected many people in the Acadian village of Petit-de-Grat, said Judge Joseph Kennedy of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

"It has, as the Crown suggested, torn at the fabric of a close-knit traditional area of this province, causing dissension and divide and disharmony amongst the good, hard-working, honest people," Kennedy said.

A jury convicted Landry, 67, of manslaughter in November after hearing that the 43-year-old Boudreau was the the mouth of a local harbour on June 1, 2013.

The man's body has never been found. In a victim impact statement, Boudreau's sister spoke of the anguish she felt "knowing his body was left discarded like old bait."

Landry pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder. During his trial, the Crown said Boudreau's death was the result of a sustained attack by a three-man fishing crew that included Landry, one of four people charged in the case.

Videotaped interviews Landry gave to police were entered as evidence. They showed Landry telling police he shot and rammed Boudreau's boat after Boudreau cut his traps, threatened to set his house on fire and taunted him for years.

"I wanted to destroy him," Landry told police. "I was seeing black. I was so mad."

The other three accused have yet to stand trial. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"It has, as the Crown suggested, torn at the fabric of a close-knit traditional area of this province, causing dissension and divide and disharmony amongst the good, hard-working, honest people." Judge Joseph Kennedy

This year's flu vaccine offers little or no protection in Canada against becoming sick enough to require medical care, a study published Thursday suggests.

The research, based on data from British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec, found the vaccine offers most people virtually no protection

against the strain that's causing the lion's share of the illness this year, H3N2. There weren't enough cases of flu caused by H1N1 or influenza B viruses to assess whether the vaccine would have been more protective.

Flu. Vaccine does little against H3N2 strain

"I would say overall it's signalling no protection,"

said lead author Dr. Danuta Skowronski, an influenza expert at the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control. Skowronski said that if people are at high risk of developing pneumonia or getting ill if they contract influenza, they should take other measures. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# **Chief defends** troops directing airstrikes in Iraq

Military. Top soldier says Canadian involvement is not a 'combat' role and falls within mission mandate

Canada's top soldier says he authorized troops to help Iraqi security forces target Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) fighters, but denies it can, strictly speaking, be called a "combat" role.

Speaking before a parlia-mentary committee on Thursday, Chief of Defence Staff Tom Lawson said that Canadian Forces have operated within their noncombat mandate, even while directing CF-18 airstrikes.

Lawson told the committee he "had not anticipated" Canadian special forces would be in a position to safely direct airstrikes when he ruled them out last October.

Lawson found himself in the middle of a war of words about the precise role of Canada's fight against ISIL.

For the government, the mission has "evolved" since it was approved by Parliament - without the support of the opposition NDP and Liberals · late last year. This evolution, for the Conservatives, explains why Canadian soldiers found themselves under fire on the front lines three separate times, despite a mission limited to advising and assisting Iraqi troops.

For the opposition, Canada's role in the fight against ISIL has not been defined, no budget has been released and no clear goal outside of "degrading and destroying" the self-proclaimed caliphate has been outlined.

Frustration among opposition MPs was evident, in the face of Conservative backbenchers suggesting they're insufficiently behind the troops for asking those questions.

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# \$13 million lost in seven seconds

Joel Ifergan stands beside a copy of his lottery ticket Thursday at his home in Montreal. The Supreme Court of Canada refused to hear his case claiming he is owed \$13 million for having the winning num-bers on a ticket that was printed seven seconds after the deadline. Ifergan bought two lottery tickets in May 2008, but the one with the eventual winning combination popped out of the terminal seven seconds after the 9 p.m. deadline. As Ifergan discovered the next day. his Super 7 ticket had all the right numbers but was dated for the following week.

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## Politics

# Omnibus bill set to expand antiterror powers

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will unveil Friday details of an omnibus bill that will enact two new laws, and

make amendments to the criminal code, the CSIS Act, the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act among a host of others.

The government put the Commons on notice that funding will attach to the measures, but a senior government official said it shouldn't be interpreted as

new funding. However, the Official Opposition insists the question of resources is the main one and is skeptical of the need for new laws.

Harper will press the need to increase information-sharing among federal departments and agencies, authorize CSIS to disrupt or diminish

threats earlier in an investigation, deter and order the removal of online content that promotes terrorism, enhance no-fly rules for airline travelers deemed a risk and lower the evidentiary threshold to issue peace bonds — court-ordered restrictions on a person's liberty and communications. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Cold War. Gorbachev warns West of Hot War

Ex-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev says the confrontation between Russia and the West could spill into allout war.

More than 5,100 people have been killed in a bloody conflict in eastern Ukraine between government troops and pro-Russian separatists. Ukraine accuses Russia of aiding the separatists while Russia says the West is behind Ukraine's attempts to retake the rebel-held areas.

Gorbachev, in comments

to the Interfax news agency, said Thursday the West has "dragged" Russia into a new Cold War and warned of risks of a military confrontation.

"I can no longer say that this Cold War will not lead to a 'Hot War.' I fear that they could risk it," he was quoted as saying.

Gorbachev was one of the architects of the peaceful dismantling of communist rule in eastern Europe.

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### Malaysia

# Government declares Flight 370 an accident

Malaysia's government formally declared still-missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 an accident on Thursday and said all those on board were presumed dead, paving the way for compensation claims but angering victims' families still waiting for evidence of the plane's fate.

Ĉivil aviation chief Azharuddin Abdul Rahman said the search for the jet would continue and "remains a priority." The Boeing 777 disappeared on March 8, 2014, while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board.

The plane is believed to have crashed in the southern Indian Ocean, off the coast of western Australia. No confirmed debris has ever been found. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Loved ones plead for pilot, journalist held by ISIL

Jordan. Prisoner swap would run counter to government's stance on extremism

The father of a Jordanian fighter pilot and the wife of a Japanese journalist held by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) pleaded for their loved ones' lives after a possible prisoner swap wasn't carried out by a deadline of sunset Thursday.

The extremists had demanded that Jordan release a female al-Qaida prisoner from death row, and they purportedly threatened in an audio message to kill the airman if she was not freed by the dead-line.

After sundown in the Middle East, there was no word on the fate of Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh and journalist Kenji Goto, and the families' agonizing wait dragged on.

"We received no assurances from anyone that he is alive," Jawdat al-Kaseasbeh, a brother of the pilot, told The Associated Press. "We have no clue about where the negotiations stand now. We are waiting, just waiting."

The possibility of a swap was raised Wednesday when Jordan said it was willing to trade Sajida al-Rishawi, the al-Qaida prisoner, for the pilot.

However, the audio message purportedly posted by ISIL only said the pilot would be killed if al-Rishawi was not delivered to the Turkish border by the deadline. There was no mention of Goto and no word on whether the pilot would be traded for the woman. The authenticity of the recording could not be verified independently by The Associated Press.

On Thursday afternoon, Jordan's government spokesman, Mohammed al-Momani, signalled that, in any case, a swap was on hold because the hostage-takers had not delivered



proof the pilot is still alive.

Al-Rishawi, 44, faces death by hanging for her role in a suicide bombing, one of three simultaneous attacks on Amman hotels in November 2005 that killed 60 people. She survived because her belt of explosives didn't detonate. She initially confessed, but later recanted, saying she was an unwilling participant.

Al-Rishawi, who is from the Iraqi city of Ramadi, has close family ties to the Iraqi branch of al-Qaida, a precursor of ISIL. Three of her brothers were al-Qaida operatives killed in fighting in Iraq.

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# Toronto teen a student of the investing game

## Stock market.

Brandon Fleisher, 17, has doubled his initial \$50k investment over the course of one year



Call him the pup of Bay Street. At 17, Brandon Fleisher understands the ins and outs of stock markets like a, well, wolf.

The Grade 12 student at Toronto's Upper Canada College has, within a year, doubled his initial investment of \$50,000. He also started a company through which he offers free analysis of different stocks and markets.

Fleisher picked up an interest in the world of stock exchanges when he was in Grade 8.

"In a math class, we all had to pick a stock and grow the most out of it by the end of the year," he said. "I did very well, then started playing virtual stock-exchange games with fake money, and it really gave me the thrill."

Not too long after, Fleisher started spending entire days combing through companies' financial reports and studying balance sheets.

It took about two years of balancing school workload and his passion for running a virtual portfolio before he got the chance to invest real money. Fascinated by his success and skills in the markets, Fleisher's parents gave him money to setup an account with a broker.

"Î worked really hard to gain the trust from my parents to invest the real money in my portfolio," he said, explaining that he was making big profits in the fake money trade, where he invested in Netflix and Tesla.

He has since broadened his network of investors, and his company, The Financial Bulls, is now operated with him as CEO and other people his age offering financial advice.

So what's the secret to his success? Fleisher said it's simple: Find companies that are



growing and profitable and have the patience to stay invested for a good while.

It also helps if you're a bit of a whiz kid too.

"I really do like investing. I don't really see it as a burden," he said. "When I am doing investments, it's not as if I need to take a break at any point at all."

# Super Bowl. CRTC moves to ban subbing of U.S. ads

Canada's broadcast regulator is banning the substitution of Canadian advertisements over American ads during the Super Bowl.

The decision won't take effect in time for this Sunday's game, but it could be in place for next year if Bell Media — the rights holder for the 2016 event — waives its rights to switch ads.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission says the new rule will be officially in place for the 2017 Super Bowl.

Television networks will, however, still be allowed to simultaneously substitute advertising on programming broadcast over local TV stations, but not on specialty channels.

CRTC chairman Jean-Pierre Blais also warns that penalties could be imposed on broadcasters if the ad switching disrupts programming enough for viewers to complain.

In a speech to a London, Ont., business gathering today, Blais also announced that broadcasters will lose the ability to switch ads, along with mandatory carriage privileges on cable and satellite services, if they shut down transmit-

### Super Bowl ads

The substitution of Canadian content over the time-honoured institution of U.S. Super Bowl ads is coming to an end.

Not in time for Sunday.
 While the decision comes too close to take effect this weekend, it may become a reality in 2016 if Bell Media — the rights holder for the game — waives its right to switch ads.

ters that allow Canadians access to free, over-the-air TV signals.

Blais also announced today that the CRTC is ordering Bell Mobility and Videotron to stop giving their own mobile television services an unfair advantage over other Internet services.

The two companies have exempted their own mobile television services from their standard monthly data charges while content from other websites or apps is counted against a customer's data cap. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Keystone XL

# U.S. Senate passes bill approving Canadian pipeline

Long-suffering supporters of the Keystone XL pipeline won a moral victory in the U.S. Congress on Thursday — but that's about all they won.

A bill to build the oil pipeline from Canada was approved by the Senate for the first time in the almost seven-year struggle over one of the most-debated pieces of oil infrastructure in memory.

Previous efforts to approve the pipeline crashed into the notoriously high hurdle for getting anything through the U.S. Congress's upper chamber. Thanks to a

newly empowered Republican majority, the legislation finally cleared that three-fifths requirement Thursday in a vote of 62-36.

Now the reality check: It's still not a law. It stands almost no chance of becoming one. And that's because it didn't get the 67 votes required to overcome a presidential veto.

The indispensability of those final few votes was driven home when a spokesman for President Barack Obama once again promised a veto.

"Our position on the Keystone legislation is well-known," White House spokesman John Earnest said a few hours before the vote. THE CANDIAN PRESS

# Economy

# Canadian dollar slips to lowest point since 2009

The Canadian dollar hit fresh multi-year lows below the 80-cent US level Thursday against an American currency that strengthened on growing conviction the U.S. Federal Reserve will move to hike rates sooner rather than later.

The loonie shed 0.57 of a cent to 79.3 cents US, its lowest level since late March 2009.

The slide added to a three-quarters of a cent plunge on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# **VOICES**

# SEX ED FOR THOSE WHO DON'T LIVE IN CARE-A-LOT



How young is too young to learn about sexual consent in Canadian schools?

That's the big debate in Ontario this week, after Premier Kathleen Wynne announced kids as young as six will soon be learning about how body language and facial expressions relate to consent as part of an overhaul to the province's decades-old sex-ed curriculum.

Ît's unclear if the lessons will be taught verbally or through finger painting, but what's for sure is that it will be taught - and hurray for that. I consent to consent ed!

Unlike some more progressive provinces whose sex-ed programs have been updated in the past decade, Ontario's was developed in 1998 when cellphones were just shoeboxsized devices used by rich people on TV. The last time the province tried to update the program, it got shelved because of objections from religious groups. The debate was recently reignited when two eighth-graders, Lia Valente and Tessa Hill, started a Change. org petition to get the notion of consent discussed in health class.

That's not to say that hot topics of late like Jian Ghomeshi, Bill Cosby and Rehtaeh Parsons haven't played a part in creating an en-

vironment that made this kind of thing seem necessary. If Ghomeshi had been taught about consent from the age of six, maybe he wouldn't currently be awaiting trial; or maybe he's just a sociopath, but it would have been worth a try, wouldn't it?

Not everyone thinks so. Every time the topic of sex education in Ontario schools comes up, there's a backlash featuring a lot of tired, outdated, head-in-the-sand objections from conservatives.

In fact, in 2010, then-Premier Dalton Mc-Guinty tried to push a similar program forward but kowtowed to pressure from people such as Charles McVety, head of Canada Christian College, who started a petition against the proposed curriculum and got over 100,000 signatures - McGuinty withdrew the lesson plans. I'm hoping Wynne has bigger ovaries than McGuinty. McVety is all hot and bothered (angry, not aroused) this time around, too.

We abhor the premier announcing that Ontario's teachers will be forced to teach little children how to give permission ... to engage in sex." I'm abhorred by the fact that a 'good" Christian actually thinks teachers will be telling six-year-olds to engage in sex. That is not the plan. As Wynne put it, "Starting right in the ... junior grades, kids will be learning listening skills and helping each

other to pay attention to facial expressions and ... whether somebody is positive or negative or happy or sad."

These are skills one could teach in a number of ways; I don't think any Grade 1 teachers will be digging out the dildos or inflating any sexy blow-up dolls. Consent is applicable in many life situations. I once had a co-worker who enjoyed foisting her "famous rice pilaf" on me — wow, do I ever wish she'd had a lesson in reading facial expressions and for that matter, gag reflexes.

Parents who don't want their kids exposed to the idea of sex at school forget that their kids have another teacher today: The Internet.

Valente and Hill are living in the present, among all the other students from coast-tocoast who can turn on their laptop to watch a gang-bang, under the veil of porn, for sexual entertainment purposes. This stuff makes Penthouse Magazine look like it should be included on the same bookshelf as Goodnight Moon.

Joe Warmington at the Toronto Sun wasn't keen on the fact that Premier Wynne had taken advice from middle-school students.

"A lecture about sex ed from 13-year-olds in a country where legal consent is 16?"

Yes, Joe! That's the point. The fact that 13-year-olds who are not even legally able to consent already know that consent, or lack of it, is an issue today is indicative of the fact that there's a really big problem. Like, come on. McVety and Warmington aren't alone in their disdain for this development.

Reading blogs and comments on news articles and social media, one will see a lot of sentiments like, "That's too young to start broaching the topic of sex," "Schools should only teach abstinence," "Leave it to the parents to teach kids about sex.

Well, those ideas are all fine and dandy if you live where the Care Bears live, but we live on Earth among humans who can at times be ignorant and dangerous.

And can we take it, from recent events, that parents are teaching their kids about consent? To a parent who wants to do it themselves, I ask this: While you might be teaching your daughter about consent, what if your neighbour is not teaching his son the same principles?

### Correction

In a Voices column published on Jan. 29, Metro mis-identified the authors of a study on terrorism. The authors were from the universities of Ottawa and Toronto, and the co-authors were from the universities of B.C. and Waterloo. Metro regrets the error.

# Happy face/Sad face

From endangered delicacies to adopt-a-cockroach programs, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



### SALAMANDER SAGA

Police in Shenzhen, China, are in the hot seat for allegedly chowing down on — of all things - endangered salamander at a lavish banquet. Journalists who claim to have caught the feast on camera say they were subsequently beaten up. Fourteen officers have been suspended pending an investigation.







HE LOVES YOU NOT

The San Francisco Zoo is promoting two unique critters as part of its adopt-an-animal program ahead of Valentine's Day. For \$25 or \$50, people can adopt a hissing cockroach or scorpion, respectively, and have the certificate sent to the person who inspired the adoption ... we're quessing an ex.



### **DOUBLE DOWN DOG**

KFC continues to out-gross itself with the creation of the Double Down Dog: A hot dog wrapped in a fried chicken "bun" and drizzled with, dunno, mustard? Cheese sauce? The "delicacy" was made available only in the Philippines, but if it's popular, who knows — it may show up on menus in Canada. Are you brave enough to try it?







LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Kathy Beitz, a Guelph, Ont. woman who is legally blind, was able to see her newborn son minutes after his birth, thanks to an amazing eyewear device produced by Canadian company eSight. Watch the heartwarming video on YouTube.



## **PHOTOSHOP FAIL**

We're assuming someone at Australian magazine Woman's Day is not a Kate Middleton fan. How else do you explain this horribly photoshopped picture of the inarguably beautiful Duchess of Cambridge? Check out the original photo in the smaller circle.





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# January is shaking its bad rap

**Analysis.** The month formerly known as the place bad movies go to die has offered some surprisingly good fare in recent memory

Traditional wisdom has it that January is a dumping ground for bad movies.

"Everyone is broke after shelling out for Christmas presents," the studios say. "The weather is crappy and anyone leaving the house is going to the gym instead of the movies," complain the suits.

That's why clunkers like One for the Money, a Katherine Heigl crime drama with a two per cent Rotten Tomatoes rating and Season of the Witch — which saw Nicolas Cage go all medieval on the forces of evil and strain his credibility as an actor — made the lives of critics and audiences miserable on long, cold winter nights in bygone Januarys.

Why waste good movies when no one was likely to go?

Years ago studios threw the odd quality film into the January mix — Traffic, Good Will Hunting, Before Sunrise, Dr. Strangelove and Silence of the Lambs—but every good movie like Matinee (92 per cent on RT) was balanced out with a stinker like Body of Evidence and its paltry six per cent rating.

There is still that yin and yang as last week's releases of The Boy Next Door and Mortdecai (two movies that will decorate Worst Of the Year lists) proves,



RICHARD CROUSE

but the tide seems to be changing.

Perhaps that's why
Project Almanac, a
time-travel drama
from producer
Michael Bay,
moved from a
prime July release date to
the barren
January slate.

Surely Bay, as savvy a player as Hollywood has, wouldn't allow his movie to be tossed out with the

The reason given for the schedule move was that Bay himself wanted to sprinkle some of his Transformers' fairy dust to pump up the film's appeal to young audiences.

But it's also apparent that a micro-budget movie like Project Almanac, even with Bay's name attached, could get lost in a summer filled with large-scale offerings like Dawn of the Planet of the Apes, so why **Richard's ratings** 

**Black or White** 

Project Almanac

Wild Card

A Most Violent

Year

not release in a less crowded, but increasingly profitable field?

What used to be a time to fill screens with borderline cheesefests has become a viable month to release a movie.

Last year big crowds braved the polar vortex to help the Kevin Hart comedy Ride Along set a January opening record.

opening record.

This year the Oscarnominated Selma and Still Alice have opened wide in a month usually reserved for Golden Raspberry winners.

Perhaps the biggest story of 2015 so far is the success of Clint Eastwood's Chris Kyle biopic, American Sniper, which has raked in upwards of \$170 million in just two weeks.

The success of that film is as strong an indicator as Hollywood needs that January is no longer a no-go zone.



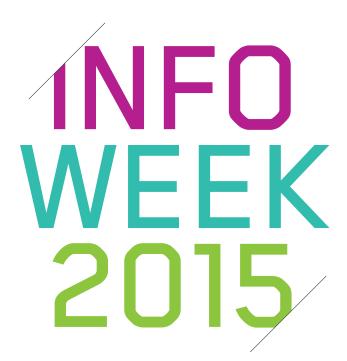
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# Octavia Spencer and Kevin Costner star in Black or White, which opens this weekend, CONTRIBUTED

# Costner film poses questions about racism

Interview. Actor used his own money to fund a simple story that made him feel 'more empowered'

### LIZ BROWN

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Kevin Costner made the racially-charged drama Black or White happen.

In his latest film, he plays Elliot, a recently widowed alcoholic lawyer battling for the custody of his biracial granddaughter, Eloise.

His rival is Rowena (Octavia Spencer), Eloise's paternal grandmother, who thinks she should move from the richest part of Los Angeles to the "black" neighbourhood with her.

But the film doesn't pick sides. "It really impressed me how even-handed the film was," says Costner.

Indeed, every one of Eloise's potential guardians is battling a personal demon of some kind. "I just thought it was an honest story from the very first page. I felt like I was reading something really authentic," he adds.

### Quote

"To say you're colourblind is disingenuous. You do see differences. The key is to understand those differences."

Kevin Costner

Costner was so drawn to the script, written by his old The Upside of Anger filmmaker, Mike Binder, that he wound up financing it to ensure it hit the big screen. When no one else came round, he put up his own money — some \$9 million of it. "I was hoping other people would rush to the movie and see the same potential and value in it that I did, but unfortunately that didn't happen," he says.

Not that his character is some white saviour, or even that good. Elliot's battles with Rowena betray his own prejudices

He thinks Eloise is already "living in one of the safest neighbourhoods in L.A.," he boasts, and shouldn't move to Rowena's part of the city.

"Elliot was comfortable in that environment, visiting and socializing with Eloise's family, but he instinctually still thought his granddaughter would be safer with him," says Costner.

Still, the movie subtly condemns his stance. "Racism doesn't have to be overt. This is where the veil of racism is lifted, when he thinks she wouldn't be safe in that 'other' neighbourhood.

"But Elliot travels far in this movie and comes to understand himself better," he adds.

It was a bit of a parallel for Costner who adds that examining those covert attitudes in a narrative made him feel "more empowered."

"People say they're colour-blind when they want to explain they are without prejudice. But to say you're colour-blind is disingenuous. You do see differences. The key is to understand those differences."

The tale may not have been epic enough for big Hollywood studios to take notice, but Costner hopes that audiences will at least be surprised by the film and the things it says.

"It's a simple story about life," he says. "It doesn't solve anything. It's about the wellbeing of a child and what's best for the child and race shouldn't be rolled into those sorts of things."



I, Rewa Kriti, daughter of Mithilesh Pandey, born on 02/25/04 residing at #204 2203 44 Ave. Edmonton Alberta T6T0T1, Canada, have legally changed my name in Edmonton Alberta on 01/30/15 and shall henceforth be known as Rewa Pandey.

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# Now in theatres



## **Black or White**

Director. Mike Binder

Stars. Kevin Costner, Octavia Spencer

Black or White is the story of a grandfather (Kevin Costner) who is suddenly left to care for his beloved granddaughter. When her paternal grandmother (Octavia Spencer) seeks custody with the help of her brother (Anthony Mackie), the girl is torn between two families who love her deeply. With the best intentions at heart, both families fight for what they feel is right and are forced to confront their true feelings about race, forgiveness, and understanding.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Critics: **Audience:** 







## A Most Violent Year

Director. J.C. Chandor

Stars. Oscar Isaac, Jessica Chastain

Set during the winter of 1981 — statistically one of the most crime-ridden of New York City's history — A Most Violent Year is a drama following the lives of an immigrant and his family as they attempt to capitalize on the American Dream, while the rampant violence, decay, and corruption of the day drag them in and threaten to destroy all they have built.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Critics: Audience:







# **Project Almanac**

Director. Dean Israelite

Stars. Sophia Black-D'Elia, Jonny Weston

A brilliant high school student and his friends uncover blueprints for a mysterious device with limitless potential, inadvertently putting lives in danger.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Critics: **Audience:** No reviews **78%** vet



## Mortdecai

Director. David Koepp

Stars. Johnny Depp, **Gwyneth Paltrow** 

Juggling some angry Russians, the British Mi5, his impossibly leggy wife and an international terrorist, debonair art dealer and part-time rogue Charlie Mortdecai (Johnny Depp) must traverse the globe armed only with his good looks and special charm in a race to recover a stolen painting rumoured to contain the code to a lost bank account filled with Nazi gold.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Critics: Audience:



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### Mr. Turner

Director. Mike Leigh

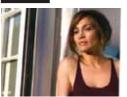
Stars. Timothy Spall, Paul Jesson

This film explores the last quarter century of the great if eccentric British painter J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851). Profoundly affected by the death of his father, loved by a housekeeper he takes for granted and occasionally exploits sexually, he forms a close relationship with a seaside landlady with whom he eventually lives incognito in Chelsea, where he dies.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Critics:







# The Bov **Next Door**

Director. Neill Fearnley, Rob

Stars. Jennifer Lopez, Ryan Guzman

Jennifer Lopez leads the cast in The Boy Next Door, a psychological thriller that explores a forbidden attraction that goes much too far. Directed by Rob Cohen (The Fast and the Furious) and written by Barbara Curry, the film also stars Ryan Guzman, John Corbett and Kristin Chenoweth.

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# Splashy ads grab major YouTube views

## Super Bowl ads.

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about to change.
Five years of Google search data shows that every year, more Canadians search Google for Super Bowl commercials than Americans and our searches outnumber our giant neighbour to the south the most around game day, when Canadian broadcasters have been subbing out splashy American ads for Canadian

That hunger for American ads is why the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission announced Thursday it will stop



Canadian broadcasters from subbing in Canadian ads for American ones during the Super Bowl as of 2017.

The best commercials are coming from the U.S. where they have more skin in the game, given what they're paying for advertising," said Kenneth Wong, Professor of Marketing at Queen's School of Business.

"In fact, many of the Canadian ads shown at the Super Bowl are just regular ads, nothing special done for the Super Bowl."

In the meantime, it's become more important for Super Bowl ads to make the most of the buzz online, he said. More companies are making "teasers," which are essentially online ads for their Super Bowl ads.

For example, Victoria's Secret filmed an online spot of its models playing football

that is just as a teaser for its main ad during the game.

"When you're spending \$4.5 million on a single expos-

ure of a national ad, you want to do everything possible to make sure that ad is seen by people," Wong said. "So, you make an ad for an ad."

More than 70-million total minutes of Super Bowl ads and teasers for ads - have been watched on YouTube so far, which is nearly triple the amount watched by this time last year, Google reports.

According to Bradish, research chair in sport marketing, Ted Rogers School of Management, the immense popularity of online Super Bowl ads goes hand-inhand with a shift away from watching sports on TV to watching sports on other platforms.

"The paradigm is clearly shifted in how consumers, particularly young consumers, are consuming sports,' she said.

### 5 ads worth talking about

In general, ads released online so far are on par in terms of quality, but with less emphasis on high production value than in recent years, said Wong. He believes companies find using celebrities in their ads — such as Kim Kardashian and Pierce Brosnan - a more effective way to create an impact.

Kia Sorento. Pierce Brosnan stars as himself and gets lampooned when offered an acting part: Where he's expecting action, it's a more mundane car ad. "It's a perfect

counterpoint to his James Bond image," said Wong.

- T-Mobile. Kim Kardashian, satirizes herself advertising a feature that allows T-Mobile users to save the data allowance they didn't use in a month by talking, deadpan, about all of the pictures of her they could be using it on.
- Wix.com. Wong's pick for best ad so far. Retired football players use Wix.com to easily build websites to jumpstart their wacky choices of second careers

For example, Brett Farve gets into charcuterie, and builds favreandcarve.com, which exists in real life.

- Carl's Jr. This ad showing model Charlotte McKinney walking apparently naked through a farmers market has faced criticism for using sex to sell burgers.
- GoDaddy. GoDaddy pulled its ad featuring a puppy mill using GoDaddy to host its website after it caused an outrage among tweeting animal rights activists

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# **Invite-only.** Rihanna to headline private concert

For many Super Bowl parties, you've got to know someone to get inside.

Rihanna headlines one of the weekend's biggest private concerts, DirecTV's Super Saturday Night, which has previously featured performances by Jay-Z and Beyoncé, Justin Timberlake, and this year's halftime performer, Katy Perry.

Rolling Stone, Maxim and Playboy magazines are among the invite-only par-

### Carnival to the stars

Some celebrities and athletes will also get to indulge their inner child at Neon Carnival, a starfriendly event that features rides, games and dance music — and a stringent auest list.

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# **Weekend of music. Charli XCX** playing three Super Bowl gigs

Grammy-nominated forming a set at ESPN's singer Čharli XCX is one of Super Bowl week's most sought-after acts, with at least at least mee performances scheduled.

**SUPER BOWL** XLIX

The pop singer is singing for troops Friday night at Luke Air Force base and per-

bash later that night. On Saturday, she'll perform for partygoers at Rolling Stone's bash.

The ESPN party on Friday will be a hub for some of the weekend's biggest names in pro sports and entertain-

Also scheduled to make appearances at the show are Frozen star Idina Menzel, who will sing the national anthem at Sunday's game and John Legend, who will sing America the Beautiful before kickoff.

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## Super Bowl star gazing

# Celebs converge on Phoenix

The desert is great for stargazing, and that will certainly be the case as the Super Bowl takes over Phoenix and its suburbs.

Comedians Joel McHale and Kevin Hart will crack jokes for partygoers, and Jamie Foxx and Drake will hold court at a pair of lounges at a swanky Scottsdale

### **Hear Katy Perry roar**

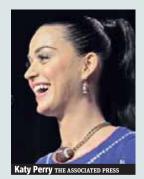
Katy Perry says her Super Bowl halftime performance will make you Roar — with animals.

The singer told reporters at a press conference Thursday that her performance Sunday will include "a lion and sharks.'

Perry, 30, said she feels blessed to perform on the Super Bowl stage "at such a young age." She said she enjoyed past Super Bowl performances from Beyoncé and Madonna, and what she adds "is some lightheartedness."

Lenny Kravitz will join the pop star who said her performance will also include an "old-school" female singer.

When asked if Perry had been checking out football players this week, she imitated Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn



Lynch, saying: "I'm just here so I don't get fined."

## Music for the masses

Performances by top artists aren't just for gala or party invitees. Several paid concerts are scheduled for the days before the game.

DirecTV hosts a threeday music festival that culminates with a Friday night show featuring Snoop Dogg and Imagine Dragons. Performers on other days include the Zac Brown Band, Calvin Harris and Jason Derulo.

Twelve blocks of downtown Phoenix are being transformed into the Verizon Super Bowl Central, a free area with NFL-themed attractions and nightly fireworks shows. Pepsi has set up its Hyped for Halftime Stage which will feature performances by The Roots, Walk the Moon and other acts daily.

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# Bieber opens up, says he was just pretending to be a doofus

A recent visit to Ellen apparently prompted Justin Bieber to take to Facebook to record a dimly lit confessional video detailing his personal insecurities about how he's come off over the past year.

And he's just trying to be Justin, guys.

"It's been a minute since I've been in a public appearance, and I didn't want to come off arrogant or conceited — basically how I've been acting the past year, year and a half," he says of his interview with Ellen DeGeneres.

"I'm not what I was pretending to be. Why I say I was pretending is, often we pretend to be something we're not, as a cover-up of what we're truly feeling inside. And there was a lot of feelings going on in there. ... Just being young and growing up in this business is hard. Just growing up in general is hard."

If this is how he reacts to a sit-down with DeGeneres, maybe this whole Comedy Central roast thing isn't such a great idea.

# Middleton tries to prove his life isn't soft as a marshmallow

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When you think of the name Middleton, you think Kate, right? Beyond that, probably Pippa. But don't forget about James. Can being the younger brother to the Duchess of Cambridge — one of the most famous women in the world — be a bit frustrating?

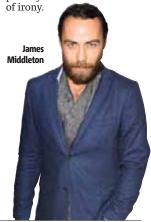
"Yes, it does get frustrating," James Middleton tells iPad magazine The Young Director. "I work incredibly hard — just like every other person in business and work. And aside from the fact of — yes, I am the brother of someone very important — I am, at the end of the day, just James."

So have some sympathy, you guys.

And speaking of business and work, what is it James is up to these days?

Running his startup, Boomf, which allows Instagram users to get their photos printed on marshmallows. Yes, you read that correctly.

"I have only ever employed myself," James says proudly and without a hint





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# Cosy meets showstopping in one dish

**Lunch.** Serve Crab Chowder in a sourdough bread bowl for a twist



**RICARDO COOKS** Chef Ricardo Ricardo Magazine

Hearty, filling and warm: Isn't that what everyone is craving this time of year? This show-stopping crab and sourdough, recipe makes a perfect meal soup for a cold winter's day.

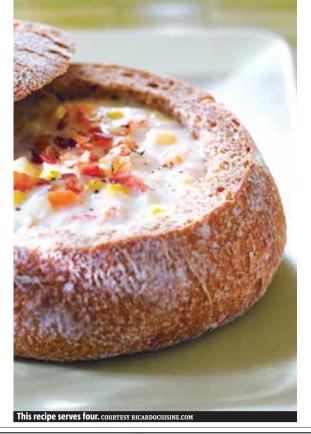
1. In saucepan over medium heat, soften leek and carrot in butter. Season with salt and pepper. Dust with flour and stir to combine. Add broth and bring to boil while whisking.

Add milk, potatoes and thyme.

- **2.** Slowly bring back to boil and simmer gently, frequently scraping bottom of pan, until veggies tender, about 15 minutes. Add crab, corn and cream. Simmer 5 minutes. Remove thyme and adjust seasoning.
- **3.** Meanwhile, in skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels.
- 4. On clean surface, slice top off each bread loaf. Using fingers, hollow out loaves, leaving 1 inch (2.5 cm) of crumball around. Ladle hot soup into bread bowls. Sprinkle with bacon. FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED IN 2014.

# Ingredients

- 1 leek, white part only, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 1/4 cup (57 g) butter
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup (35 g) flour
- 2 cups (500 ml) chicken broth
- 2 cups (500 ml) milk
- 2 cups (330 g) potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3/4 lb (375 g) fresh crab meat OR 3 cans (120 g/4 oz each) crab meat, drained
- 1 cup (135 g) corn kernels
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) 35% cream
- 4 slices bacon, cut crosswise into small pieces
- small pieces
   4 small round loaves sourdough



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# Chowder's liquid partner



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Pairing wine with liquidcentric meals can be tricky business — even when it comes to a heartier, proteinbased staple like chowder.

Though populated with chunks of seafood, this classic winter warmer still has fluidity that can water down a wine.

As with any food and wine pairing, use the ingredient that has the most influence in the dish as your guide.

In Chef Ricardo's Crab Chowder recipe, featured this week, it's a combination of the shellfish and the creaminess of the broth.

Both components work best with a white wine.

The apple fruit found in a glass of German Riesling will make a great partner, as would a French or New World Chardonnay, especially one that highlights the grape's rich mouth-feel rather than oak aging.

In the rather than oak aging.

Louis Latour's 2012

Bourgogne Chardonnay
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# Seattle Super Seven Dip. Snack for the Seahawks

tric mixer to beat the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add the milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until smooth and fluffy. Stir in the sour cream, then set aside.

In a medium skillet over medium, heat 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. Add the onion and cook, stirring frequently, until well browned and caramelized, about 15 to 20 minutes. If the onion begins to stick, add a tablespoon of water and continue to cook. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the cabbage and chives. In another bowl, whisk together the jam, vinegar, a pinch each of salt and pepper, the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, and a splash of hot sauce.

To assemble the dip, spread the crab over the bottom of a large, shallow baking dish. Drizzle with the teriyaki sauce. Spread the whipped cream cheese over the crab, spreading evenly to the edge of the bowl. Spread the caramelized onions evenly over the cream cheese, then top with the chopped smoked mussels. If making ahead, wrap and refrigerate for

• 8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature

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- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cups finely grated red cabbage
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh chives
- 3 tablespoons blackberry iam
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- Splash of hot sauce
- 16 ounces well-drained crab meat, preferably Dun-
- 1/2 cup teriyaki sauce
- 6 ounces smoked mussels. lightly chopped

up to 24 hours. When ready to serve, heat the oven to 350 F. Bake for 20 minutes, or until warmed through. Arrange cabbage mixture over the top and drizzle with blackberry vinaigrette. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



de with barbecued pulled pork, sautéed apples and butter. It

# New England Super Seven Dip. Pig out for the Patriots

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the pork tenderloin with the broth. Bring to a simmer, then cover and cook until very tender, about 45 minutes. Discard the broth. Using 2 forks, shred the meat, then transfer to a medium bowl. Add the barbecue sauce and toss until coated

While the pork cooks, prepare the other ingredients. In a medium bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add the milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until smooth and fluffy. Stir in the sour cream, then set aside.

In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the apples and cook until just tender. In a small bowl, stir together the corn kernels, scallions and hot

To assemble the dip, spread the corn mixture over the bottom of a large, shallow baking dish. Top with the pork, then with the apples. Spread the whipped cream cheese evenly over the apples, spreading to the edge.

Spoon the baked beans

- 1 pound pork tenderloin, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 3/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 cup thawed corn ker-
- nels, well drained 3 thinly sliced scallions
- Splash of hot sauce
- 15-ounce can baked beans, partially drained
- 1 1/2 cups shredded extra-
- sharp cheddar cheese
- 2/3 cup crumbled crispcooked bacon

over the cream cheese, then top with the cheddar and bacon. If making ahead, wrap and refrigerate for up to 24 hours. When ready to serve, heat the oven to 350 F. Bake for 20 minutes, or until warmed through.

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# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

# Breathe easier for a healthier you

Stressed out? You aren't alone.

Statistics Canada reports that in 2013, 23 per cent of Canadians reported feeling "quite a lot" of life stress. To breathe easier, you might want to try meditation, which often begins with guided exercises.

"Guided meditation can be used to begin developing a meditation practice," said Dr. Patricia Rockman, a family physician and director of education and clinical services at the Centre for Mindfulness Studies in

A practitioner guides you through the meditation, telling you to breathe, to pay attention to specific feelings or body parts, and to quiet your mind.

Some guided meditations use visualization — imagine a calming beach or a reassuring mountain peak - to help people distance themselves from stressful thoughts. In mindfulness-based meditation. which is often used in cognitive behavioural therapy to treat depression and anxiety, "The guidance is used not so much to calm people, as to train them to focus their attention and regulate their emotions," Rockman said.

There are many downloadable guided meditations, but a creative alternative is to record your own so it's perfect for you. All you need is a quiet spot and a recording device, such as the one on your smartphone.

First, decide on the intention of your meditation. Is it stress-busting? Confidence building? Once you have a goal, write the

"Use invitational language, language that is kind, language that is focused in the present," Rockman said.

Avoid direct commands. Instead, try



phrases like "bringing your attention to your hand."

Second, give yourself some breathing

"Make sure there's enough space in between speaking," Rockman said. "This gives people the chance to experience what they're experiencing."

When using DIY-guided meditation, make sure you are comfortable. Increase your meditation time gradually, Rockman said.



# Customized experience at Vision by Design

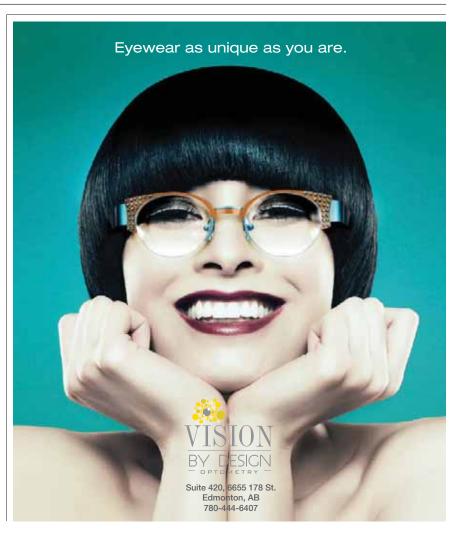
Vision by Design Optometry is a boutiquestyle Optometry office located in Callingwood Shopping Centre in West Edmonton. Vision by Design believes in customizing the eye care experience to meet each patient's specific needs.

We've brought in cutting-edge technology that gives us images of the retina similar to taking an MRI. It actually allows us to view deeper tissues of the eye that may not be visible with traditional testing," says practice owner Dr. Sarah Keep, who adds that "we've have multiple cases where early signs of glaucoma, diabetes and macular degeneration have been detected with this instrumentation that would have likely been missed otherwise."

The customized experience doesn't stop at the eye exam. The opticians are trained

extensively in finding eyewear that best suits a patient's facial features, skin tone and personal

"Eye wear should be fun. It's something that you wear on your face every day, so it has to look amazing." One of their most frequent complaints from patients is trouble using progressive lenses. To solve this problem, they brought in specialized instruments which manipulate the doctor's prescription based on the patient's specific visual needs. It measures eye rotation, head and eye movement and reading distances, resulting in lenses with less distortion and glare. "This instrumentation eliminates a lot of the trouble that patients have with progressives. It's amazing what we are able to do with the technology available today," Dr. Keep adds.



# Cleanse the toxins out of your body

# Different types to suit your health needs

Toxins are all around us: in our food, our environment, our water and even produced inside our body. The body is equipped to deal with toxins however we are bombarding our organs with more toxic load than ever in history. So is doing a cleanse something for you, or something you've been thinking about (especially after the indulgent holiday season)?

Many people avoid cleansing because they think it involves fasting or strict dietary restrictions. The good news is that you don't have to follow extreme diets in order to cleanse your body because there are many herbal cleansing formulations designed to work regardless of diet or lifestyle.

But given the number of cleanses that are available these days, how do you select one that's right for you? Look for a total body cleanse that supports each of the body's seven channels of elimination since these organs work together to detoxify the body. These channels are: the liver, lungs, blood, skin, kidneys, lymphatic system and lungs.

Also, look for a mild cleanse if it's your first time doing one and one that's free of harsh



psyllium fibre and habit-forming laxatives, such as cascara sagrada and/or senna.

Here are some examples of cleanses you can find at the health food and vitamin store Simply Health:

• First Cleanse is formulated specifically for the 'first time' or 'sensitive' cleanser. This 15 day cleanse eases the body into the process of cleansing.

• CleanseSMART is one for you if you're prone to constipation or have cleansed before. This 30-day program works without harsh ingredients or the need to follow a strict diet.

• Rapid Cleanse is a seven-day total body cleanse with added fibre for those times when you don't have the time to perform a longer cleanse or would like to cleanse on a more frequent basis.

Cleansing the bad stuff out of your body and adding the good stuff back in is the first step towards optimal health this year and

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# Inner peace in focus at Star of the North Retreat Centre

the Star of the North Retreat Centre.

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This ecumenical centre, which has chapels, a dining hall, meeting rooms and live-in accommodations for over 50 guests on its grounds, can be home to groups looking for a place to host their meetings, and the Star offers its own programming.

"For instance, we have a women's wellness retreat each year where we offer workshops such as Art Therapy, yoga and more," says Leduc. "It's really about offering a variety of ways that people can connect and heal spiritually and emotion-

And the peace visitors find here gets taken home with guests when they leave.

"It translates out - you look for ways to be in peace rather than be part of the conflict going on consistently," says







# **PROGRAMS AT** Star of the North Retreat Centre

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BeYoutiful You offers seniors and student rates and, through March, a fitness



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# **AUTO PREVIEW**

# Great price and plenty of space

# Dodge Grand Caravan

Although Chrysler celebrated the 30th anniversary of the introduction of its "Magic Wagons" for 2014, there's a real chance it won't be around for many more.

The next-generation minivan, arriving for 2016, will only be in Chrysler Town & Country guise. So if you are looking for the Grand Caravan's combination of a great starting price with plenty of space and decent performance, you best act fast.

Since its 2011 model-year updating, the GC drives more securely and frugally with a revised suspension topped with low-rolling-resistance tires to help prop up fuel economy.

At the same time, the interior was upgraded with new gauges and soft-touch dashboard and door-panel surfaces replacing hard plastic.

The 3.6-litre "Pentastar" V6 that was introduced at the same time produces 283 horse-power and, mated to a six-speed automatic transmission, easily runs with the minivan herd for fuel consumption.



Dodge Grand Caravan. CONTRIBUTED

Inside, you will find the usual dozen or so cupholders plus a variety of small-item bins and pockets (including dual glove boxes) that showcase the vehicle's utility. The standard third-row split-folding bench seat can be power folded (as an option) to create a flat load floor.

The Stow 'n' Go feature comes with a one-touch-down function and provides out-of-sight storage bins when the second-row seats are left in their upright positions.

The price-leading Canada Value Package heads the list of trim levels that also in-

cludes SXT, Crew, Crew Plus and the sporty R/T. The Canadian Value Package is one of the best deals in the land and includes most of the basic features and safety systems you would expect.

– Wheelbase Media

# PRACTICAL & EFFICIENT

While the Avenger was a perfectly serviceable mid-size sedan, it isn't answering the call for 2015. But the tall wagon that uses its bones and engines is a much more palatable proposition and remains in production.

The Journey scores a hole-in-one as a practical, efficient and affordable carrier. It has just-right sizing going for it, which means it's more compact than a Chevrolet Traverse or Ford Explorer, but larger than a Mitsubishi Outlander.

In entry-level trim, the Journey provides seating for five people, although there is an available two-place, third-row 50:50 split

There are also some other clever interior storage options such as a front passenger seat with a flip-forward hinged cushion that's ideal for concealing cameras, purses and other valuables. And all models feature two in-floor storage compartments with removable plastic liners behind the front seats that are large enough to hold a dozen beverage cans each, plus ice. And don't forget the chilled storage



Dodge Journey. CONTRIBUTED

bin inside the glove compartment that can keep a couple of cool beverages at the ready.

The Journey uses a 173-horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder with four-speed automatic in base models. Optional is a 283-horsepower, 3.6-litre V6 with a six-speed auto.

There are seven trim levels for 2015 (Canada Value Package, SE Plus, SXT, Limited, newfor-2015 Crossroad and two R/T AWD trims), which means there is likely a Journey for every taste, need and pretty much every budget.

Base Journey equipment includes air conditioning, keyless remote entry, power windows, locks and mirrors and a complete range of safety gear. Up-level models offer leather seating surfaces, roof rack, backup camera, navigation system, 19-inch wheels and a flashlight stored in the cargo area. — Wheelbase Media

# Super Charger

Although no longer a member of NASCAR's various racing series, perhaps Dodge will put its latest Charger back into some stock-oriented division with the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA)? Why?

Because the NHRA confirmed that the new 2015 Charger SRT8 Hellcat can do the standing quarter-mile drag race in 11 seconds flat on street tires.

Beyond the revised suspension, new wheels and more aggressive body bits, the Hellcat's most important part is under its hood. The "normal" 470-horsepower, 6.4-litre Hemi is plenty good, but for the Hellcat it has been replaced by a 6.2-litre V8 that's augmented by a big old supercharger. Final tallies of 707 horsepower and 650 pound-feet of torque mean the Charger SRT8 is the most powerful factory-built sedan and the fastest as well, topping out at 204 mph (326 km/h).

The large 20-inch wheels with 15.4-inch Brembo brake rotors means it stops nearly



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as well as it accelerates, doing the zero-to-100-mph-to-zero test in a supercar-rivalling sub-13-second time.

Amazingly, the Hellcat uses the same eight-speed automatic as the other engines, although bulked up to handle twice the power. Those other engines carry over from before—the base 3.6-litre V6 still has 300 horsepower while the 370-horsepower 5.7-litre V8 comes as standard equipment in the Charger R/T.

The interior has a new steering wheel, dash, gauge cluster and better materials all around. For additional rumbling noises, you can select the Beats by Dr. Dre audio package. The rap artist helped tune the optional 10-speaker sound system to complement the Charger's interior and the musical tastes of its generally more youthful passengers.

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# Step into a big-rig Sierra HD

Selecting a big-rig Sierra over a similar Chevrolet Silverado HD mostly boils down to which body style you prefer since both pick-ups are identical beneath their new-for-2015 shiny sheet metal.

However, one other important difference is that the GMC offers the luxury-laden Denali crew cab, in addition to the base, SLE and SLT trim levels. Chevrolet doesn't.

The usual cab styles return, but the extended cab is replaced by a new double cab with rear doors that are hinged at the front. Both the 66-inch and 96-inch cargo boxes have been strengthened and the rear bumper has built-in recessed steps at the corners for easier bed access.

All HD powertrains return unaltered for 2015. The base 6.0-litre gasoline V8 generates 360 horsepower and 380 pound-feet of torque. It can be optioned with a compressed-natural-gas fuel system, although you lose 59 horsepower and 47 pound-feet in the process.

For serious grunt work, there is the optional 6.6-litre turbo-diesel V8 rated at 397 horsepower and 765 pound-feet of torque. Both employ six-speed automatic transmissions: A GM-developed Hydramatic comes with the 6.0; and the turbo-diesel employs an Allison-built unit.

Chevy mates its "smart exhaust brake system" to the turbo diesel that, when the vehicle is coasting, holds compressed exhaust gases inside the engine's cylinders, creating resistance, which in turn slows down the truck without



GMC Sierra HD. CONTRIBUTED

touching the brakes. The result is less wear and tear on the brake hardware and greater control for the driver, especially when hauling or towing heavy loads downhill.

Included is a stability program that

reduces a trailer's tendency to wobble about, while hill-start assist prevents the HD from rolling backward when on an incline.

For the 2015 model year, the HD's maximum hauling capacity has increased to

3,508 kilograms from 3,275 and conventional towing capacity has similarly increased to 8,890 kilograms from 8,165. Fifth-wheel-capacity is up to 10,525 from 10,200.

– Wheelbase Media

# BOLD AND AGGRESSIVE GMC ACADIA

The GMC Acadia is a bold and aggressive choice against its more wallflower-like global rivals.

It can be had in either regular or ultra-lux Denali grade, but either way the squared-off front end takes inspiration from the smaller Terrain and uses neat LED accent lighting in the headlight clusters. LED tail lights, wraparound glass and a spoiler freshen up the rear end.

All Acadias come with either seven or eight seats, depending on the configuration, and lots of room behind the third row for cargo. The second- and third-row seats can be folded flat for more storage, and, when upright, the second row slides fore and aft with one-hand operation.

There's also a raft of safety features such as side-curtain airbags that run the length of the cabin, an exclusive front centre airbag, anti-lock brakes and anti-rollover software.

The 2013 addition of blind-spot and cross-traffic warning systems is complemented by forward collision alert and lane



GMC Acadia. CONTRIBUTED

departure warnings, which are available on every trim, but standard for Denali.

A carryover 288-horsepower, 3.6-litre V6 drives the front wheels (all-wheel-drive is optional) through a six-speed automatic transmission.

Contrary to what you might know about front-wheel-drive, the Acadia can still tow up to 2,000 kilograms (a decent-sized travel trailer or a boat).

GMC's luxo Denali sub-brand gets unique

badges, grille, body pieces, high-intensity-discharge (HID) headlights, new-style 20-inch wheels and dual exhaust, while the cabin gets special heated and cooled leather seats, a new heated leather-wrapped steering wheel (that's also standard on top non-Denali trims), higher-quality trimmings, a huge dual-panel moonroof, tri-zone climate control, a top-end audio system and a rearseat DVD player with two screens.

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# UPGRADE TO THE TERRAIN DENALI

If you don't find the regular Terrain flashy enough, GMC has just the ticket for you. The ultra-luxurious Denali subbrand is available on this, its smallest vehicle. More chrome on the broad grille and exhaust pipes, satin touches, unique lights and body-coloured fascias and rocker moldings highlight the exterior, while softer leather for the seats, doors and steering wheel, along with "smoked" mahogany inserts differentiate the cabin from lesser trims.

Unusual for a Denali, however, the Terrain version can be had with either the base 182-horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder or the 301-horsepower 3.6-litre V6.

All GMC Terrains get six-speed automatic transmissions and both engines can be had with front- or optional all-wheel-drive.

- Wheelbase Media



Tucked away in a closet upstairs at Capital GMC Buick Cadillac in Regina SK, is a Melfort Mustangs hockey jersey. A reminder of how far the Capital Automotive Group and President, Bruce Axelson, has come.

Bruce has spent the majority of his life working in the automotive industry, recalling the first job he ever had at a dealership in Price Albert SK, "I got a job at a Chrysler dealership when I was 14. I spent every waking hour that I could there, every day after school, every Saturday, every holiday, all I did was work at that dealership. It was fun, they were good to me."

It was the mid 1960's when Bruce decided to move to Regina to sell cars, and within a year found himself promoted to sales manager. "I was quite young and probably not qualified for the job but I was a reasonable sales person, and I wore clean clothes." By 1974, Bruce was ready to buy his first dealership, a Chevrolet Oldsmobile store, which was located in Melfort Saskatchewan. He kept that store for 27 years, and operated it for close to 20. In 1992, Bruce returned to Regina and purchased another GM store, Capital GMC Buick Cadillac and ten years later, his first Ford store, Capital Ford Regina. In 2007, the auto group expended facilities, building 3 new structures in the Northwest of Regina known as the Capital Auto Mall. The mall is the home of two national award winning automotive dealerships, as well as Saskatchewan's largest body shop, Universal Collision and Autospa. It is 170,000 square feet of buildings on 25 acres of land. In 1992, Capital dealership staff count was close to 65 employees. Now today's combined total is 500. "A lot of families count on us every month to put a little bread on the table and we consider that quite

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a responsibility, and we enjoy it" said

In the summer of 2014 Capital Automotive Group was proud to announce the purchase of Southgate GMC Buick in Edmonton Alberta, and look forward to building on the success in a new market. "It's the culture that makes the Capital Auto Group. I think we have empathy and I think we're sensitive to peoples needs. We have to remember we're in the transportation

business and people have a different feeling about an automobile than they do about most things in their lives. If your fridge breaks, big deal, don't buy milk that day, but it's different when you sell a car or need a new one. It's an emotional experience and we understand that. We'll always respect your time and your investment.

Capital began renovations on its new store in Edmonton (9751 34 Avenue) in September 2014 and are looking forward to completion shortly, which will include a grand opening, Spring 2015. The Group is proud to be represented by the local Capital team that has been assembled in Edmonton and Alberta customers have a lot to look forward to. Non commission sales staff, no hassle pricing and premium trade in evaluations are just a few reasons for the success of the Group in sales. As for service and parts, we recognize that is where relationships are strengthened or lost. We are very proud of the service and parts team in Edmonton, they make the commitment to respect our

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customers time. "I think when people buy a car, they've got a lot of choices. Where to buy the car, the brand of car they want to buy, all manufacturers make good cars and every car dealer has a nice building, so we try to make the experience one that is fair and respectful both ways. There has to be a mutual respect and acceptance of the transaction and it has to be good for everybody. Not just good for the dealer, and not just good for the customer, good for everybody. We think that fairness is a real important part of what we do." Capital GMC Buick in Edmonton invites you to visit the new showroom and facility at the corner of 34th & 97th. "The coffee is always on, we would love the opportunity to show you around and we can help you get into a new GMC or Buick too".



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Mercedes-Benz C-Class. CONTRIBUTED

# RE-ENERGIZED C-CLASS

With the arrival of the CLA-Class for 2014, the new C-Class moves up to a more elevated perch on the Mercedes-Benz family tree.

Along with a promotion, the sedan (new coupe, wagon, plug-in hybrid and performance AMG versions will follow later in calendar year 2015) has been resized and re-energized.

C-Class passengers and their gear are enclosed in a completely new skin that Mercedes says is 70 kilograms lighter than before, thanks to more aluminum body panels. Total weight has been reduced by about 100 kilograms.

An interior makeover includes well bolstered seats and a wood-trimmed control panel. The toggle-style gear-shift lever is located on the steering column and in its

GLA gives you a choice former location on the console is a controller with a unique touch pad. It allows your fingers to zoom or reduce (pinch) and select the various menu items, including infotainment, communications and climate systems that are shown on a dash-mounted tablet-style screen that juts out from the dashboard.

The C300 has a turbocharged 241-horse-power, 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine while the C400 gets a 329-horsepower twin-turbo 3.0-litre V6. Both engines are matched to seven-speed automatic transmissions.

All models come with "Agility Select" that includes Comfort, Eco, Sport and Sport+ settings for the engine, transmission and suspension. And then there's an "individual" setting to fine-tune those preferences.

Mercedes-Benz's 4MATIC permanent allwheel-drive system is standard on C300 and C400 models. The C300 arrives with climate control, leather-covered seats (16-way poweradjustable in front and split-folding in back), electric parking brake and keyless pushbutton start.

The C400 carries about the same basic content but adds sportier AMG exterior trim and 18-inch AMG wheels (17-inch alloys for the C300). From there, leading-edge luxury options include a sport suspension, panoramic sunroof and 590-watt, 13-speaker Burmester-brand audio system. You can also add the latest high-tech safety gear designed for maximum collision and injury avoidance with other vehicles and pedestrians.

– Wheelbase Media

Mercedes-Benz GLA-Class. CONTRIBUTED

The GLA gives entry-level Mercedes-Benz shoppers a clear choice. Those preferring the slinkiness of the CLA sedan can take that route, while the more practically minded can opt for the GLA's added carrying capacity. Both vehicles appear similar from the windshield forward, but otherwise go their separate ways.

The GLA is taller and more squared off, but minus a trunk it is a significant 20 centimetres shorter. The base GLA250 runs with a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder that generates 208 horsepower and 258 poundfeet of torque. Step up to the GLA45 AMG and those values increase to 355 horsepower and 332 pound-feet.

The AMG's engine block has been strengthened and its turbocharger produces nearly twice the boost of the GLA250. That

results in a zero-to-100-km/h time of five seconds, versus a more leisurely 7.3 for the GLA250 (as measured by Mercedes-Benz).

Each power plant uses a seven-speed automated manual transmission with paddle shifters that produces quicker upshifts and downshifts than a traditional automatic that comes with a torque converter.

The GLA250 comes with M-B's 4MATIC all-

wheel-drive that directs up to 50 per cent of the torque to the rear wheels, as needed. The GLA45 AMG also comes standard with AWD.

Base GLAs include a power liftgate, power driver's seat with memory and an autonomous braking system that slows down or even stops the vehicle if you neglect to react to slower or stopped traffic in front.

– Wheelbase Media



Mercedes-Benz CLA-Class. CONTRIBUTED

# ENTRY-LEVEL SEDAN OPENS THE DOOR

Who says an entry-level car has to look or feel entry level?

The Mercedes-Benz CLA's sporty body cladding and other trim makes it appear far from a stripped-down basictransportation module, despite being Mercedes-Benz's starter sedan.

Other than being pulled by the front wheels (with all-wheel-drive being optional), what's most unusual about the CLA is that it doesn't offer the kind of roomy practicality that's a given when it comes to nearly every mid-size sedan. That's because Mercedes stylists drew their inspiration from the larger CLS-class faux coupe that remains one of the most imitated models on the planet (see Aston Martin Rapide, Volkswagen CC, Audi A7 and Ford Fusion).

The base CLA250 comes with a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder that produces 208 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque at an engine speed that's just above idle. This helps propel the car to 100 km/h from rest in a quick 6.7 seconds, as recorded by Mercedes-Benz.

For fuel thriftiness, the CLA250 uses technology that shuts off the engine when the car comes to a stop. Once the brake pedal is released, the car starts up again.

The CLA45 AMG also features a turbocharged 2.0, except that the block has been strengthened and a higher-output turbocharger produces nearly twice the boost of the CLA250. The result is a stout 355 horsepower and 322 pound-feet of torque. That's an astounding 177 horsepower per litre of displacement, while a Corvette is less than half of that at 73.

The AMG shaves the CLA's zero-to-100-km/h times by 2.1 seconds. Both models use a seven-speed automated manual transmission with paddle shifters, but the AMG adds standard 4MATIC all-wheel-drive that sends up to 50 per cent of the torque to the rear wheels, as needed. 4MATIC is available as an option on the regular-strength CLA250.

For 2015, all CLAs come with Collision Prevention Assist that signals if the car is approaching a vehicle ahead too rapidly and will independently apply braking force should the driver fail to do so.

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# CHEVY BEEFS UP THE SILVERADO HD

# IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN NEARLY EVERY ASPECT

With the year-old Silverado 1500 series, Chevrolet did its homework and paid close attention to what buyers were looking for to haul and tow their stuff.

It looks familiar, but there are more powerful/efficient engines, as well as improvements in nearly every other area.

In front, the twin stacked headlights remain, but the grille is now much more prominent and tougher looking.

Behind the tailgate, the handy corner step bumper has recessed footholds that, combined with built-in handholds inside the box, make accessing the bed much easier.

All body styles — regular, extended Double Cab (featuring front-hinged rear doors with outside handles) and four-door Crew Cab — are attached to reworked frames with more high-strength steel, extra bracing for stiffness and improved body mounts that help isolate road nose and vibration.

You can order the Crew Cab with a longer 80-inch (203-centimetre) bed (the standard bed is 68 inches/172 centimetres) version and you will get a choice of three new all-aluminum engines.

The entry point is a 4.3-litre V6 that has the same displacement as the previous V6, but output has significantly increased to 285 horsepower and 305 pound-feet of torque from 195/260.

Optional is a 5.3-litre V8 with 355 horses



Chevrolet Silverado HD. CONTRIBUTED

and 383 pound-feet. An available 6.2-litre V8 is rated at 420 horsepower and 440 pound-feet of torque. It shares much of its guts with the Corvette engine and for 2015 also gets the Corvette's eight-speed automatic transmission. The other two engines carry over with six-speed automatics.

The model range also extends to include a premium High Country model to appeal to wealthy ranchers and city slickers. The best part about this truck is its highly optioned leather interior that places it above the previous top-of-the-line LTZ.

Also available for Silverado's sophomore

year is a built-in Wi-Fi hot spot to allow all aboard access to the Internet. There is also Siri Eyes Free, which is Apple's voice-control software that can run many of the vehicle's functions without the driver taking their hands off the steering wheel.

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# Refreshing the Malibu inside and out

It has been a couple years since Chevrolet redesigned the 2013 Malibu following criticism for the car's lack of rear seat room.

For 2014, Chevrolet rolled forward all the changes it had planned for the Malibu's midcycle update, probably two years earlier than planned. Exterior changes included a more aggressive grille and lower fascia, although the Camaro-inspired tail lights and rear end remained unchanged.

Inside, the Malibu's stylists appeared to have gone all out to improve on the previous update. A redesigned centre console provided more room and storage, while engineers somehow used black magic to deliver another 3.2 centimetres of rear legroom without altering the exterior dimensions.

Standard on all but the base model is Chevrolet's MyLink touch-screen audio/communications system with a faceplate that pivots upward to reveal a hidden 15-centimetre-deep storage area.

The base engine remains a 2.5-litre fourcylinder that produces 197 horsepower, although it features direct fuel injection and a system that shuts off the engine when



Chevrolet Malibu. CONTRIBUTED

the vehicle is at rest, then fires it up when the brake pedal is released. The latter, all by itself, is estimated to help fuel efficiency by five per cent

Optional is an updated turbocharged

2.0-litre four-cylinder rated at 259 horsepower and 295 pound-feet of torque.

New for 2015 is an OnStar-based mobile internet Wi-Fi hot spot so that all aboard can get online whenever they want. – Wheelbase Media



Chevrolet Equinox. CONTRIBUTED

# CLEVER TOUCHES FOR THE EQUINOX

Even after five years, the Chevrolet Equinox is "just right" for plenty of folks. Clever touches abound in the design, like the integrated rocker panels in the doors that reduce entry step-up height.

The interior is likely the Equinox's best asset. It's simply gorgeous and includes dual gloveboxes, easy-to-read twin gauges set in large pods and plenty of handy storage bins. There's also a versatile split folding rear seat that can be adjusted fore and aft over an eightinch range to optimize legroom or cargo capacity. A 182-horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder reigns as a base engine.

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# FUNKY STYLING, FRUGAL PRICE TAG

# KIA SOUL IS A WINNER

Few cars are ever considered groundbreaking, but that pretty much sums up the Soul. It's the kind of vehicle that other automakers would give anything to have in their stable.

Funky styling, a frugal price tag and fuelsaving ways have made it a winner.

For 2015, Kia upgraded and slightly enlarged the cabin for more front head and shoulder room and added a bit more rear legroom. In addition, the dashboard was revised to accommodate an available 20-centimetre touch screen. The platform was made 29 per cent stiffer and accommodates a suspension that was re-engineered for improved ride and handling.

Outside, design details inspired by the Soul-based Trax'ster concept provided the basis for a front and rear facelift that makes the Soul much more appealing. The rear liftgate was made six centimetres wider and is now flanked by one of the coolest set of tail lights ever installed on any vehicle.

The entry-level LX Soul is equipped with a 1.6-litre, four-cylinder that produces 130 horsepower and 118 pound-feet of torque, while the optional 2.0-litre, four-cylinder in the EX and SX models delivers the same 164 horses and 151 pound-feet of torque.

Base Souls feature air conditioning, but not when the manual transmission is ordered, plus all the usual power amenities. Optional is a panorama-style sunroof and



Kia Soul. CONTRIBUTED

leather seats (heated and ventilated in front), along with a navigation system and premium Infinity-brand sound package.

Load up a Soul and you are looking at close

to \$30,000 — count an extra \$200 for any colour other than black or white.

Under the heading of "big news," the Soul EV arrives for 2015 with an electric motor

rated at 109 horsepower and 210 pound-feet of torque and an EPA-rated range of about 150 kilometres before its lithium-ion-polymer batteries need recharging. – Wheelbase Media



Kia Forte. contributei

# THE COMFORT OF A FORTE

The Forte sedan and hatch models were redesigned for 2014 and sail into 2015 unaltered. Kia star stylist Peter Schreyer, who has a knack for creating organically shaped sheet metal that clicks with buyers, oversaw the design for both vehicles, in addition to the sporty Forte Koup.

The base sedan runs with 1.8-litre fourcylinder that pumps out 145 horsepower and 130 pound-feet of torque, while an optional 2.0-litre four-cylinder produces 173 horsepower and 154 pound-feet.

For Forte5 hatchback buyers, the 2.0 is

standard while a turbocharged 1.6-litre four-cylinder is optional. It spools out 201 horsepower and 195 pound-feet of torque. A six-speed manual transmission is standard for all, while a six-speed automatic is optional.

Spending time aboard the Forte or Forte5 will prove comforting for passengers and especially pleasing for the driver who faces a clearly legible, intuitively laid-out dashboard and control panel. They also have command over the level of steering effort with the Forte's optional Flex Steer system.

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# Sorento swaggers forth

Following a design freshening, platform stiffing and power upgrading for 2014, the Sorento swaggers forth into 2015 as cool and competent as ever. And why not, since most competing three-row wagons require a lot more coin to seal the deal.

The Sorento's stout sub-frame supports a 191-horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder power plant and an optional 3.3-litre V6 producing 290-horsepower and 252 pound-feet of torque. With either engine a six-speed automatic with manual shift controls is the sole cog swapper.

The all-wheel-drive system (available with either engine) is a full-time unit that constantly varies the torque to all four wheels and can direct power to the outer wheels in high-speed turning situations for added control (known as torque vectoring).

Trim levels for 2015 are LX and EX, as well as an SX model that includes ventilated soft leather-covered seats, exclusive 19-inch wheels, blind-spot detection, power tailgate and a premium 10-speaker audio system.

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UP TO













Lincoln MKZ CONTRIBUTED

#### LINCOLN MKZ OFFERS LUXURY AND PLENTY OF SMART TECHNOLOGY

The MKZ is Lincoln's first proven result of being able to not only translate a concept car to production faithfully, but also be able to hide the Ford mechanical bits it uses under the skin.

On sale for model year 2013, the signature "waterfall" grille was replaced by a series of horizontal bars. But for real design drama you can't beat the sweep of the roofline that flows well past the rear-most roof pillar, almost to the trailing edge of the body.

The car's massive windshield and rear window glass, including the optional retractable panoramic sunroof, makes it doubtful passenger claustrophobia will pose a problem.

Inside is an ultra-sophisticated leathercovered and wood-trimmed interior, plus a

Status quo for the MKX

floor console extending seamlessly almost the full length of the cabin.

In back, optional inflatable seatbelts for outboard riders cushion their heads and necks in the event of frontal crash.

In the suspension department, continuously adjustable shock damping, power-assisted electric steering, variable transmission-shift-mapping plus traction and stability control all combine to form Lincoln Drive Control. The result, says Lincoln, is improved ride and handling in Normal, Sport, or Comfort modes, as selected by the driver.

A push-button gear selector next to the gauges replaces the traditional floor shifter. Power plant choices consist of a 240-horse-power, 2.0-litre four-cylinder "EcoBoost" (turbocharged) four-cylinder. Optional is a

300-horsepower, 3.7-litre V6 that Ford also installs in vehicles as diverse as the Mustang and the Explorer tall wagon.

MKZ returns in an available gasolineelectric hybrid model that's fitted with a 141-horsepower, 2.0-litre four-cylinder combined with an electric motor. The net output is 188 horsepower. The turbo and the V6 come with six-speed transmissions that send torque only to the front wheels with the former, or all four wheels if the V6 is specified. The front-wheel-drive-only hybrid uses a continuously variable transmission.

The MKZ can be had with numerous crash-mitigating safety systems that prevent your participation in rear-end mishaps and keep you within your intended lane.

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Lincoln MKX. CONTRIBUTED

replaced with an all-new model within the next year or so, but otherwise there are no real changes for 2015. Standard equipment on the Ford Edgebased Lincoln MKX includes trailer sway

Lincoln's version of the old Ford Edge will be

Standard equipment on the Ford Edgebased Lincoln MKX includes trailer sway control and Hill Start Assist, which prevents the vehicle from rolling backward on a steep grade. A 305-horsepower, 3.7-litre V6 is the sole engine, while a six-speed automatic transmission with paddle controls handles the shifting chores. All-wheel-drive is standard

Inside, most of the MKX's traditional switchgear — even some gauges from the dashboard and control panel — are part of the "MyLincoln Touch technology" screen. This standard system has two programmable 10.7-centimetre touch screens on either side

of the speedometer, and a 20-centimetre unit located in the centre stack.

A game-controller-style "smart" button on the steering wheel operates the climate, communications, navigation, infotainment and other vehicle functions in a somewhat intuitively designed fashion. To help out, MyLincoln has colour-coded touch-sensitive controls of a type currently used in cell-phones and TV remotes, which should help give it a familiar feel. There are also touch-based slider-type controls for the audio volume and ventilation fan speed.

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Lincoln MKC. CONTRIBUTED

#### UNIQUE AND UPSCALE MKC WAGON

The new-for-2015 MKC faces off against the BMW X3 Mercedes-Benz GLA and other upscale car-based wagons.

Lincoln's design team began with the Ford Escape platform and created a unique and handsome shape. The MKC's luxury content ensures there will be little, if any, commonality with the Escape.

It's also quieter inside, thanks in part to Active Noise Control, which uses hidden microphones and a special control module to create opposing sound waves sent through the car's speakers that cancel out unwanted engine noises.

The system can be combined with continuously adjustable shock damping, power-assisted electric steering, variable transmission shift mapping plus traction and stability control to form Lincoln Drive Control. The result, says Lincoln, is improved ride and handling in Normal, Sport, or Comfort modes, as selected by the driver.

The base turbocharged 2.0-litre fourcylinder generates 240 horsepower and a stout 270 pound-feet of torque. The optional 2.3-litre turbo-four is rated at 285 horsepower and 300 poundfeet of torque. Each is paired with a six-speed automatic transmission with paddle-shift controls. All-wheel-drive is included regardless of which engine you choose.

Base models include dual-zone climate control, heated power-adjustable front-row leather seats, backup camera, and "Lincoln Premium Sound" with voice-activated communications and infotainment systems.

Safety features include: Front airbags; side-impact airbags; sidecurtain airbags with rollover protection; anti-lock brakes; stability control with anti-rollover software

Opting for the more expensive (by about \$10,000) turbo-2.3 model adds a voice-activated navigation system, heated and cooled front seats and heated rear seats, hands-free power liftgate, and blind-spot detection that detects vehicles approaching from either side on the highway.

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# Slinky & sensuous

#### The Lexus RC 350

The RC 350 coupe, Lexus's first four-passenger coupe since the SC coupe bowed out in 1999, looks like a million bucks, which makes it a pretty good deal at an estimated price of \$52,000 in Canada.

The car's slinky, sensuous body features knife-edge aero styling cues, starting with its spindle-shaped grille, runs along the lower body sides and finishes with a sharply creased rear-deck spoiler.

The RC is just a bit shorter than the IS sedan, although the car's ground-hunkering stance would suggest otherwise. The cockpit is richly tailored with good-looking faux leather seats (real leather is optional) and a thick, grippy steering wheel.

The basic RC starts out with a 3.5-litre V6 that directs its 306 horsepower to the rear wheels through an eight-speed automatic transmission. You can upgrade to all-wheeldrive, but in that case a six-speed automatic is in play.

For more sporting flavour, the F Sport



Lexus RC 350. CONTRIBUTED

package, available in FWD and AWD RCs, obliges with electronically controlled variable sport suspension, high-friction brake pads and 19-inch wheels (18-inchers are standard).

The F Sport's dress-up items begin with a unique front end and go on to include heated and ventilated sport front seats, power tilt/telescoping steering wheel and aluminum

sport pedals and trim.

For all-out performance, the RC F (for Fuji Speedway in Japan where Toyota's Lexus branch conducts its testing) is fitted with a 467-horsepower V8 and an eight-speed transmission that has been adjusted to handle the engine's prodigious output.

The extent of equipment is long for the

RC F, but encompasses the installation of special body panels, such as a bulging hood, wider fenders, race-bred suspension components, bigger brakes and an electronic multimode program that allows drivers to adjust throttle and shift settings or even turn off the stability and traction controls for maximum racetrack action. – Wheelbase Media



Lexus NX. CONTRIBUTE

## Hop into a rolling sculpture

If it's anonymity you are after, you should best steer clear of the NX. The vehicle has a number of unique features, including the availability of gas-electric hybrid power in addition to a standard gasoline engine.

The NX's futuristic front end is dominated by a spindle grille that's common to other vehicles in the Lexus stable. For the optional F-Sport model, the more exaggerated grille's blacked-out mesh is quite a bit more distinct-

The NX 200t comes with an all-new turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine that generates 235 horsepower and 258 poundfeet of torque.

The NX 300h hybrid combines a 154-horse-power, 2.5-litre four-cylinder and a 141-horse-

power electric helper motor for a combined 194 horses and an estimated 200 pound-feet of torque.

The NX 200t uses a six-speed automatic transmission to direct power to either the front or all four wheels, while the NX 300h employs a continuously variable unit (CVT).

The available all-wheel-drive (or all-weather-drive in Lexus-speak) on NX 200t directs torque to just the front wheels when cruising, but can send up to 50 per cent to the rears when necessary.

The NX 300h uses an electric motor to power to the rear axle, which is activated when the vehicle accelerates from rest or when the front wheels begin losing grip.

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#### IS RECEIVES AN UPGRADE

A year after Toyota's premium division launched an even stronger Lexux IS contender, the line is already getting some decent upgrades.

In front, the car adopts a hunkered-down stance, aided by what Lexus calls its "spindle" grille, that features LED fog lights for 2015. Compared to the previous generation, the redesigned IS has a 20 per cent stiffer platform and it grew nearly nine centimetres in length with seven more centimetres between the front and rear wheels. Width and height increase only slightly.

Rear-seat sedan riders benefited with a bit more leg and hip room, which was a drawback for the previous generation.

Even though the IS 250 and 350 are on a new platform, they still retain their previous engines. That means a 204-horsepower, 2.5-litre V6 for the IS 250, while the IS 350 continues with 306 horsepower from its

3.5-litre V6. The rear- and all-wheel-drive IS 250 and the all-wheel-drive 350 sedans (convertible versions are rear-drive only) employ six-speed automatic transmissions. An eight-speed automatic is standard when the rear-wheel-drive IS 350 sedan is selected.

The AWD system splits the torque evenly between the front and rear wheels in normal driving situations, but can transfer up to 70 per cent to the rear when wheel slippage is detected.

The IS has Drive Mode Select throttle and transmission programming, with Eco, Normal and Sport S modes for rear-wheel-drive models, plus a Snow mode for AWD-equipped cars. Additionally, the returning F Sport package that's optional on all IS 250 and 350 sedans and convertibles adds a Sport S+ setting that firms up the suspension for more aggressive driving.

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## RAM RUNS LIGHT ON FUEL

Who would have guessed that the macho Ram 1500 would ever trumpet its fuel performance?

That was partially addressed when Chrysler's ever-popular 3.6-litre V6 found its way into the engine bay along with an eightspeed automatic transmission. The latter can also be attached to the 395-horsepower, 5.7-litre Hemi V8, but 4x4 models come with a six-speed auto.

The big engine can shut down four of its eight cylinders when not needed, such as when under light-load conditions or when heading downhill.

The most unique engine is the optional 3.0-litre EcoDiesel V6, which makes the Ram 1500 the only light-duty diesel pickup in North America. Using the same figures as for the Jeep Grand Cherokee — 240 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque — with the eight-speed automatic, it can tow 3,270 kilograms.

Rams get further fuel-reduction assistance with stop-start technology that turns off the engine at rest, then instantly fires it up again once the brake pedal is released. Electric power steering cuts parasitic power losses.

Optional is air suspension with load levelling and five height settings, one of which lowers the body at highway speeds by 1.5 centimetres to cut the wind.

Finally, a "thermal management system" is designed to quickly get the Ram's crankcase oil and other fluids up to operational temperatures, which assists in conserving gas.

As for body styles, regular cab models are available with a six-foot, four-inch box, or an eight-footer, while Quad Cabs get the shorter box only. The larger four-door Ram



Dodge Ram 1500 EcoDiesel. CONTRIBUTED

Crew gets you a five-foot-seven-inch bed, or the six-foot, four-inch bed option. There are also available locking storage compartments built into the rear fenders that can each hold up to 120 355-millilitre cans that

can be specified with centrally controlled power locks.

When it comes to four-wheel-drive, buyers can choose between a part-time system and an on-demand setup that automatically engages when road conditions warrant. Other neat touches include a capless fuel-filler system and a front-park assist that will parallel park the "beast" into incredibly tight spots.

– Wheelbase Media

## Ram HD adds SRT V8

The 2014 model year was a real re-balance for the Ram 2500 and 3500 pickups. When Ram upped the stakes with its optional Cummins turbo-diesel available in bad, badder and baddest grades in 2013, that left a rather big step down to the base 5.7-litre V8.

What to do? Well, add the 6.4-litre SRT V8 to the lineup, of course.

But back to the Cummins. The tamest of the 6.7-litre inline six-cylinder power plants is rated at 350 horsepower and 660 pound-feet of torque, while the intermediate version pushes those numbers to 370 horsepower and 800 pound-feet. For maximum thrust and grunt, the 385-horse unit lays down 865 pound-feet for 2015.

The Cummins can be matched to a six-speed manual transmission (the only shift-it-yourself in its class), or a six-speed automatic. The result is a truck that can haul and tow up to 7,730 kilograms of trailer weight and up to 820 kilograms of tongue weight using a conventional Class V hitch.

The turbo-diesel has a standard exhaust brake that uses the engine's compression

to help decelerate the vehicle. That means shorter stops and less brake wear.

Another Cummins bonus is that the interval between oil changes is 24,000 kilometres.

Still available is Chrysler's venerable 383-horsepower, 5.7-litre Hemi V8 with a seemingly light 400 pound-feet of torque.

Now back to the 6.4. Previously an SRT exclusive in the car line, it's optional in both the 2500 and 3500. The 6.4 delivers 410 horses and 429 pound-feet of torque. For maximum towing, a coil-sprung rear suspension with air bladders is available on 2500 models, while 3500s use optional air springs integrated into the existing leaf-sprung suspension.

Four-wheel-drive is available, but in the HD it has a disconnect feature that disengages the forward driveshaft from the transfer case when not needed, thus increasing fuel performance.

Inside, owners will also appreciate the cab design, with a dashboard with available touch screen controls (with redundant switches) for the communications and climate control systems. — Wheelbase Media



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#### STUNNING MAZDA6 INCLUDES MORE OPTIONS THIS MODEL YEAR

Mazda should be praised for following through on its promises. While other automakers make statements about losing weight and then abandon them like it's the third week of January, Mazda's SkyActiv philosophy keeps turning out cars that are trimmer.

From most angles, the Mazda6 is more expressive than the previous car and closely resembles Mazda's Shinari and Takeri concept cars that revealed a new styling direction. The distance between the front and rear wheels was increased by about five centimetres (the longest among its direct competitors, claims Mazda) for extra pas-

senger room, while overall length has been reduced by about the same amount.

The only engine is a 2.5-litre, four-cylinder that generates 184 horsepower and 185 pound-feet of torque. The uniqueness of this engine is its higher-than-usual 13:1 compression ratio that gives it much of its extra punch. In addition, its specialized components, including the pistons and direct fuel-injection system (which cools the combustion chambers to allow the higher compression), means it can run on regular-grade fuel.

Transmission choices include a six-speed manual that uses a MX-5 Miata-inspired

short-throw shifter, or the optional six-speed automatic.

The base GX model comes with the usual power and comfort ingredients and push-button start. It also comes with a touch screen display with Bluetooth networking and a rear view camera.

Among the more interesting options is Mazda's Intelligent Energy Loop (i-ELOOP). The system's compact capacitor stores energy from the alternator, then feeds it directly to the car's numerous electrical components. Mazda claims the i-ELOOP cuts fuel consumption by about five per cent. – Wheelbase Media

Like its Mazda6 and CX-5 brand mates,

the Mazda3 benefits greatly from the

SkyActiv suite of structural and power-

train enhancements. That means a stiffer

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But the real showstoppers are the base

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From a chassis and suspension perspective, the automaker's engineers have attempted to infuse the vehicle with as much MX-5 Miata-type sporty behaviour as possible, combined with highly efficient engines and transmissions

The base power plant consists of a high-compression, 2.0-litre four-cylinder that, due to its unique design, is able to run on low-grade 87-octane fuel. Output is rated at 155 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque.

The much peppier 2.5-litre, four-cylinder produces 184 horses and 185 pound-feet of torque. Both engines are available in front- or all-wheel-drive, but the 2.0 is the only engine that can be had with a manual transmission (front-wheel-drive only).

The base GX includes the 2.0 and the usual air conditioning and power-operated items, along with cruise control and push-button start.

Head up the line and you will find the GS and GT models, both equipped with the 2.5. The top-end GT comes with a nine-speaker Bose-brand audio system, 19-inch wheels, standard all-wheel-drive, dual-zone climate control and leather seats.

In terms of safety, optional Active Smart Braking Technology can "see" stopped cars in front and slow you down before a collision.

Other safety features include front airbags, side-impact airbags, anti-lock brakes, stability control, and traction control.

- Wheelbase Media

## Mazda3 is a pacesetter among sedans

It's rare to find beautiful mainstream vehicles in this highly regulated, ultra-

Mazda3. CONTRIBUTED

competitive market, but Mazda's redesigned sedan and hatchback models get the vote.



and optional power plants. There is a 2.0-litre four-cylinder that produces 155 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque; the optional 2.5-litre four-cylinder peaks with 184 horsepower and 185 pound-feet of torque. Both are available with six-speed manual transmissions, while six-speed auto-

matics are optional.

like precision.

Regardless of your choice, the new Mazda3 is an impressive piece of work that will be appreciated by those who really enjoy driving something sporty, but without the space limitations that traditional sports cars impose.

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## Effective in different ways

#### **Contrasting coaches.**

Belichick, Carroll have risen to the top in their profession with football IQ that 'is way up there'

Put Bill Belichick behind a microphone and he's C-SPAN — minus the information.

Pete Carroll is more like a Lifetime movie. Or, as defensive lineman Michael Bennett puts it, "He has that Benjamin

puts it, "He has

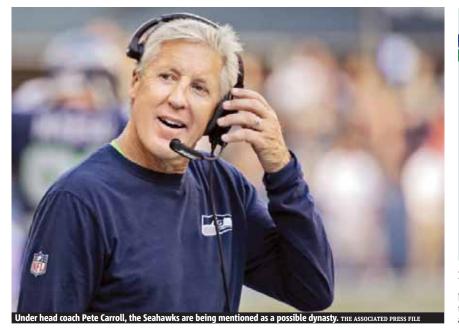
Bill Belichick

Button effect on everyone."

The Super Bowl coaches a p p r o a c h their obligations to the public and media from o p p o s i t e ends.

Belichick, coaching for his fourth championship in New England, is dry, offers little to no insight and rarely makes anyone laugh. Carroll, looking for his second straight title, is a highfiving, fist-bumping extrovert who started one of his news conferences this week with a welcoming, "What's up?!"

Different styles have produced similar results, though.
Belichick is making his



sixth Super Bowl appearance as a head coach and his Patriots are as close as there is to a dynasty in the current NFL. Carroll's team is being mentioned as a possible dynasty, as well, and that notion will only gain steam if the Seahawks win Sunday and become the first back-to-back champions since New England in 2003-04.

Dissimilar as they are, they

have both built their teams on a foundation of unflinching candour inside their locker and meeting rooms — a quality Carroll brings to some of his public speaking, but one that Belichick eschews.

"What you see on TV is what you get, pretty much, from the two," said Patriots cornerback Brandon Browner, who previously played for Carroll in Seattle. "They have similarities too, though. Their football IQ is way up there. They are so different, but at the same time, they're the same. That's why they both have succeeded at this level."

Patriots owner Robert Kraft, who hired Carroll back in 1997, then Belichick in 2000, called his former coach, "pretty special to be around. A

#### **SEAHAWKS** PATRIOTS 12-4 Record 12-4 375.8 365.5 Total offence (9th) (11th) 267.1 Total defence 344.1 (1st) (13th) 24.6 29.2 **Points** (10th) (4th) 19.6 15.9 Points against

\* Rankings are based on per-game averages from NFL.com

lot of fun."

(1st)

He feels he set Carroll back by not giving him the full control he wanted, and the owner adjusted his style when he made the next hire.

(8th)

Everyone benefited: Belichick and the Patriots — and Carroll and Seattle.

There's no big mystery to all this coaching success, Belichick insists.

"It's about players making the plays that your team needs to win," he said. "I think as a coach, you want to make sure you don't screw that up."

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## Sizing up the competition

The extremes between the players in Sunday's Super Bowl THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Heaviest 225 lhc

New England offensive lineman

Lightest

lbs. 185 lbs.

Seattle defensive back Marcus Burle



#### Height



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Tallest

**6'8**"

New England offensive linemen Sebastian Vollmer — pictured above towering over his teammates — and Nate Solder

Shortest

5'10"

Twelve players clock in at this height (six on each team)

# Paycheque The average annual salary of Patri ots quarterback Tom Brady The average annual salary of Sea-The average annual salary of un drafted rookies on both teams

## Willson, Ryan represent true north

#### **Canadian content.**

Punter says his second Super Bowl "is really a dream come true"

Canada will have a pair of players to root for in the Super Bowl for the second straight season: Seahawks tight end Luke Willson and punter Jon Ryan.

Willson, who grew up outside Windsor, Ont., made his way to the NFL after playing at Rice University, where he learned a quick lesson in how big football is in the United States.

"It was pretty intense, especially coming from Canada," Willson said. "It was a very, very different atmosphere. Football is almost like a religion down there."

Ryan, of Regina, Sask., never got to experience football in America until he ended up in the NFL — with Green Bay in 2006 — by way of the CFL and the University of Regina.

#### Quoted

"It was kind of cool ... to have that many people care about the game of football."

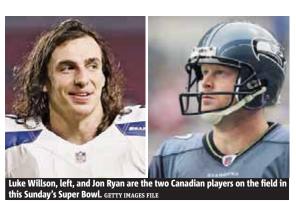
Luke Willson, who grew up in Windsor, Ont., about the moment he realized the game is "almost a religion" in the U.S., when he played for Rice University.

"Growing up in Canada, I never thought I'd have the opportunity to play in the NFL," said Ryan, who threw a touchdown pass on a trick

play in Seattle's comeback win over the Packers in the NFC Championship. "Now to have been playing here for nine years, playing in my second Super Bowl is really a dream come true."

The Seahawks have one other foreign-born player on its roster: Defensive lineman Jesse Williams, who was born in Brisbane, Australia. He spent the season on injured reserve after injuring his knee during fall camp.

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## **Bad boy Diaz opens** up to random hugs

MMA. DanaWhite's six-foot trash-talker has his lovers, too

Nick Diaz got a hug the other night, out of the blue. A male fan came up to the oft-prickly UFC fighter on the street and showed him some love.

"Somebody just walked up and hugged me," Diaz recalled. "I figured I know this person, I live in a small town. Then it was like, 'I don't know this person at all.'

'I've got to deal with that." The 31-year-old bad boy from Stockton, Calif., wasn't really complaining. Pressed on the issue, he conceded the happy stranger was a "nice guy" and "a huge fan."

It speaks volumes about Diaz that the former Strikeforce champion attracts such a following despite often refusing to play by the rules and showing a snarling per-



sona rather than a smile.

There are two kinds of Diaz watchers: those who applaud his "I don't give a damn attitude" and those who tune in hoping he will have the trash talk beaten out of him by his opponent.

For the UFC, that's two fan bases in one and helps explain why it keeps going back to what amounts to a six-foot walking headache.

UFC president Dana White was reaching for the Aspirin again this week when Diaz failed to show up for a public workout session Wednesday ahead of his UFC 183 showdown Saturday with former middleweight champion Anderson Silva.

It's the first fight for the 39-year-old Silva (33-6) since he suffered a gruesome leg injury in a loss to title-holder Chris Weidman at UFC 168 in December 2013.

Diaz (27-9-1) had elected not to get on his scheduled flight, the UFC later explained. The fighter landed in Las Vegas later Wednesday but not before White tweeted a photo of a milk carton with Diaz's face on the side.

White said this week that film crew for the "UFC Embedded" video series dispatched to Diaz's home had been unable to find him.

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#### Tiger's chipping struggle

Keegan Bradley, not shown, didn't get nearly as much attention as he motored around TPC Scottsdale with seven birdies for the lead among the early starters with a 6-under-65. Ten shots behind with faulty chipping, Woods was the focus for the crowd, RICK SCUTERI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Soccer

#### Blatter not alone in FIFA election

Beating the entry deadline by hours on Thursday, Sepp Blatter formally joined a FIFA presidential contest he is widely expected to win.

Blatter published a lowkey message on Twitter confirming an expected bid to extend his scandalscarred, 17-year leadership of football's wealthy governing body by four more years.

Prince Ali bin al-Hussein of Jordan has declared his intention to stand, while UEFA President Michel Platini is central to Europe-led efforts opposing Blatter, including supporting the prince's campaign.

Europe's anti-Blatter strategy intensified on Wednesday when Portugal great Luis Figo became a surprise contender, and UEFA executive committee Michael van Praag of the Netherlands set out manifesto highlights including a plan to expand the 32-team World Cup, FIFA's cash COW. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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#### Curling. Rocque in line to join an elite group of back-to-back champions

Kelsey Rocque finds herself on the verge of joining elite company at the Canadian junior curling championships.

The 20-year-old Edmonton native has claimed a spot in the women's gold-medal game after Alberta defeated Nova Scotia's Mary Fay 8-3 on Thursday.

Rocque is looking to be-come just the fourth skip in the event's history to win back-to-back women's titles.

"It's pretty crazy right now, it hasn't really set in," said Rocque, whose Edmonton team of third Danielle Schmiemann, second Holly Jamieson and lead Jessica Ilesran ran its record to 9-0. "But I couldn't ask to be in a better place. We're super happy right now."

#### "I couldn't ask to be in a better place. We're super happy right now."

Edmonton skip Kelsey Rocque upon advancing to the women's gold-medal game at the Canadian junior curling championships

Alberta will close out round-robin play on Friday morning against New Brunswick's Justine Comeau (5-4) before starting preparations for Saturday's gold-medal match.

Rocque hopes to join Cathy King (1977, 1978), Suzanne Birt (2001, 2002) and Kaitlyn Lawes (2008, 2009) as back-toback champions.

In other women's ac-

tion, Saskatchewan's Kristen Streifel (5-4) hit for three in the 10th end for an 8-7 win over Quebec's Emilia Gagne (4-5) while New Brunswick took an extra end to beat Ontario's Chelsea Brandwood (6-3) 9-7.

Meanwhile, the defending men's champion, Braden Calvert of Manitoba, took another step toward a title defence with a 5-4 victory over Northern Ontario's Tanner Horgan

Manitoba improved to 8-1 with the win and can clinch a berth in Sunday's men's goldmedal game with a win Friday against Alberta's Karsten Stur-

Its nice to go out there tomorrow knowing that we can control our destiny," said Calvert. THE CANADIAN PRESS



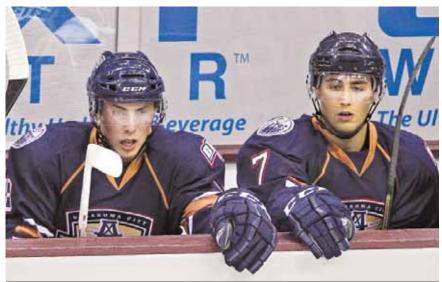
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Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Jordan Eberle watch from the bench during a stint with the Oklahoma City Barons in October 2012. Starting next season, the Oilers will have their AHL affiliate located in Bakersfield, Calif. GETTY IMAGES

# Oilers affiliate moving to coast

AHL. Edmonton among franchises to benefit with farm team closer to home

Five NHL teams will soon have their top minor-league affiliates closer to them as the American Hockey League unveiled a new Pacific Division that will begin next season.

The Edmonton Oilers will have their AHL team in Bakersfield, the Calgary Flames in Stockton, the Los Angeles Kings in Ontario, the Anaheim Ducks in San Diego and the Sharks in San Jose.

"We know that the players are going to benefit from the proximity of the teams," Oilers president Kevin Lowe said at a news conference in San Jose. "This is going to enhance development."

Previously, the Oilers' top minor-league team was in Oklahoma City, the Flames' in Glens Falls, N.Y., the Kings' in Manchester, N.H., the Ducks'

#### Close quarters

The Kings, Sharks and Ducks will get the benefit of having their teams in the same state. San Jose's AHL team will even share SAP Center with the Sharks, something that hasn't been done with an NHL team thus far.

The Toronto Maple Leafs' top affiliate, the Marlies, are in the same city, and the Philadelphia Flyers once had the Phantoms in another arena across the parking lot.

in Norfolk, Va., and the Sharks in Worcester, Mass.

Calgary general manager Brad Treliving thanked fans in Glens Falls but acknowledged the difficulties of having an AHL team so far away.

"I can tell you from having a team on the East Coast ... those cross-country flights, dealing with a different time zone when you play a game

Friday night and you need a guy in Saturday, there are challenges involved in it," Treliving said.

This idea has been bandied about for several years. Ducks general manager Bob Murray said he and former GM Brian Burke talked about it as soon as they got to Anaheim. The Pacific Division is the first phase of trying to geographically balance out the AHL, which historically has been centred in the East.

AHL president David Andrews called relocating five teams a complex process but one that "launches a new era for the American Hockey League and for professional hockey in California."

Edmonton to Bakersfield and Calgary to Stockton isn't that close, but it's an improvement. Lowe estimated that the AHL's Condors will have about 20 to 25 extra practices per season than the Barons had in Oklahoma City, when the closest opponent was a six-hour bus ride away.

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creator Mr. Parker

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#### Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

#### ↑ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Today, the more certain people try to convince you that certain goals are beyond your reach the more determined you will be to prove them wrong.

#### **Taurus** April 21 - May 21

The planets urge you to show the world you have nothing to hide - even if you do! Pretend you don't have a care. Others

will be taken in by your act.

#### ∐ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Your main aim today and over the weekend must be to push yourself harder. Believe in your abilities and that you are capable of more and, in time, your belief will make it a fact.

#### **9** Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Mars and Pluto are nicely aligned today and you could not wish for a better influence to get things done. It is, of course, up to you what you choose to do with your time.

#### €? Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Keep your problems in perspective over the next 24 hours. You may wish that life was easier but in the greater scheme of things your "problems" are opportunities for you to grow.

#### **M** Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

According to the planets you can do a lot of people a lot of good but only if you join forces with those who share your opinions and beliefs.

#### **△** Libra

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Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will soon be moving up in the world, which is good news for you but bad news for your rivals who will be moving down. Don't waste time feeling sorry for them.

#### **■ Scorpio**

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You have a simple choice today: stand by your principles and lose out financially or reject your ideals and make money. How much will it cost you to buy your principles back?

#### **プ** Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You keep asking yourself all sorts of questions but the answers are so slow in coming. Don't let it worry you because some answers always take longer to arrive than others.

#### り Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Certain people may be making life tough for you for no reason but that is no reason to feel sorry for yourself. Rise to the challenge and master it.

#### Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may feel unprepared for the challenges that are coming your way but when it's time to act you will do so with courage

#### H Pisces

and confidence.

Feb. 20 - March 20

You're lucky and if you don't believe it now you will this weekend. What you would attempt to do if you knew that success was guaranteed? Do it!

#### Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

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#### Across

- 1. Methods
- 5. Coffee menu items 11. Vancouver sch. 14. Stick in the
- water 15. Huge, in Hull 16. Philosopher,
- -tzu
- 17. Winnipeg-born actor who is the voice of the computer HAL in #36-Across: 2 wds.
- (More at #58-Across!) 19. Samovar
- 20. Yawnsville
- 21. Bill Haley & His Comets hit word
- 23. Chateau (Historic building of
- 1705 that's a museum attraction in Old
- Montreal) 26. Despots
- 29. Slopes slider
- 30. Prunes
- 32. Former currency
- in Italy 33. Simple Minds
- singer Jim 34. Flipped up, as
- trousers
- 36. "2001: (1968)
- 40. Expects
- 41. House critters 42. Ruse
- 43. Groovy
- 44. Incline
- 48. Swiftly, in music 51. Piano perform-
- ance
- 53. Articulate 55. Ancient market-

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- programmed\_ computer 61. Geog. feature
- 62. Steely Dan's " in the Years'

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66. Wood sorrels

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- 2. Unkeyed, in music

#### 3. Chicago hit of 1973: "Just 4. Transitioned

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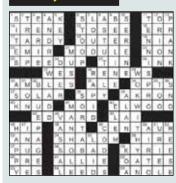
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- 12. Exclude
- 22. The baby cow's

- 28. Down 31. Movie trailer, e.g. 33. Nightspot in
- Broadway musical
- Cabaret, Kit Klub 34. Pedal
- 35. Operate
- 36. Missing from service, commonly 37. Queen Victoria's
- mother, Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-\_\_ (b.1786
- d.1861)
- 38. High-tech dot 39. Luxury label
- 40. Dermatology pro-
- cedure, \_ \_ peel 43. Kind of eel
- 44. "Okay then!", Brit-style
- 45. AECL = Energy of Canada Limited 46. Spot to dock
- yachts
- 47. Locales 49. Thickening gums
- 50. Rent a house
- again 52. "So You Think
- You Can Dance" host Ms. Deeley
- 54. Lacquered metalware
- 56. Wine, in Paris 57. Prefix meaning
- 'Equal'
- 59. Narrow inlet 60.Drawing liquid



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